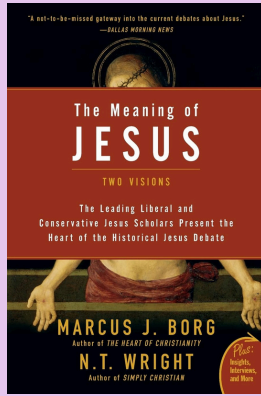


LENTEN BOOK STUDY
THE MEANING OF
JESUS:TWO VISIONS

Join us for a Lenten book study and discussion on the thought provoking book: *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, by Marcus Borg and NT Wright.



What kinds of questions have you had about Jesus? Have you ever wondered if he knew that he was the Messiah? Have you ever been curious about how the resurrection could have occurred? Borg and Wright tackle these and other tough questions and come up with very different answers despite both being leaders in the Anglican tradition.

What: Book study and discussion about *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, by Marcus Borg and NT Wright. You can purchase the book from your favorite book seller.

Who: A collaboration between St. Dunstan's and Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, facilitated by VTS seminarians Cami Caudill (St Dunstan's) and Signa Strom (Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill)

When: Thursdays at 7pm from February 19th - March 19th (5 weeks total)

Where: Meets on Zoom. To receive the Zoom link to participate, register at <https://forms.gle/98FBVQmuXPDamfVa6>

2026
Lenten
Series

Commending the Faith that is in Us:
What might you say when someone asks what you believe?

In a world where Christian believers are surrounded by non-believers, skeptics, and true seekers, believers will increasingly be asked what they believe, and why. Those inquiring will expect credible answers, yet many Christians fear they wouldn't know what to say, or even how to begin to engage these honest questions. Our Lenten Series this year features a slate of distinguished speakers tackling some of the central questions seekers might ask of believers. We will engage typical questions, as they might come both from seekers/sceptics and from fundamentalist Christians, even role-playing some possible responses together. Join us each Sunday at 11:15 a.m., in the VTS Welcome Center, except for the first Sunday in March, when we meet in the Zabriskie Parish Hall.



February 22: *Eternal Life*

The Very Rev. Ian Markham, Ph.D. , Dean and President, Virginia Theological Seminary



March 1: *The Incarnation, and Baptism*

Lisa Kimball, Ph.D. , Vice President for Lifelong Learning and the James Maxwell Professor Chair of Lifelong Christian Formation, Virginia Theological Seminary
Please note change of location to Zabriskie Parish Hall for this presentation.



March 8: *The Bible*

The Rev. Kathy Grieb, Ph.D. , Director Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Professor in New Testament, Virginia Theological Seminary



March 15: *The Church*

The Rt. Rev. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of Virginia (who will be with us for his visitation and Confirmation)



March 22: *The Resurrection and Atonement*

The Rev. Sarah Coakley, Ph.D., Priest Associate at Immanuel, former professor at Harvard Divinity School and Cambridge University

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LENT

The word “Lent” comes from the Old English word for “lengthen”, referring to the lengthening of the days during this time of year in the Northern Hemisphere. It is, therefore, a season that looks forward and points toward the arrival of more light, and a new season.

Lent as a spiritual season is meant to do the same. The Church offers this season as a time to take inventory – of our relationship with God and with other people – as we prepare for the great Christian feast, and season, of Easter.

The Lenten season lasts for 40 days, not counting the Sundays that fall within it. It draws upon the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness and, to a lesser extent, the 40 years the children of Israel wandered in the desert, and the 40 days and nights Noah and his family spent on the Ark.

The tradition of giving up something developed to remember Christ’s sacrifice for us when we miss the thing we have given up. However, others take on some added discipline, perhaps something that we have felt we need (or have been called) to do.

CONFESSION

Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, “All may; none must; some should.” Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one’s Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact any of the clergy. You can read over the rite for private confession in The Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 447.

LITURGICAL CHANGES IN LENT

On the First Sunday in Lent we will follow age-old Anglican tradition and pray the Great Litany, the first Christian worship service that was translated into English. Throughout the season we omit the ancient praise-shout “Alleluia” as a sign of solemn remembrance. Our liturgical color will change to purple, the traditional color of penitence, waiting, and expectation. We will make more space for silence in all of our liturgies, more of a time apart from our busy and often noisy lives.

LENTEN PRAYER AND WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL

Sundays

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
with Godly Play for 4-11 year-olds

(First Sunday of the month, Youth-led, held in Zabriskie Chapel)

Tuesdays

10:00 am

Morning Prayer, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesdays

12:00 noon

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Zabriskie Chapel

5:15-6:00 pm

Quiet Prayer, Oratory at Immanuel Chapel

Fridays

8:30 pm

Compline, online via Zoom



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