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Keynote Speakers

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No other historical figure has left such a legacy as *Jesus of Nazareth.*

The impact of Jesus' ministry reverberates through the centuries. Whether it was his messianic consciousness fulfilling the hope of Israel, his proclamation of the Kingdom's advent in his miracles and exorcisms, his challenge to the priestly, Herodian and Roman elites, his call for justice for the poor and victimised, his association with the marginalised, the impure and morally tainted, his welcome of women and children, his forgiveness of the underserving and restoration of the broken and hopeless, or his establishment of an alternative community of divine grace - the challenge and hope of transformation remains as powerful today because of his death, resurrection and the gift of his Spirit to his church.

This conference will explore the impact of the historical Jesus within his social, cultural, and religious context, and investigate the ramifications of his ministry - historically, theologically and pastorally - within the rest of the New Testament, the early church and the church and society today.

Call for Papers

The Conference Planning Committee invites scholars and doctoral candidates from the theological and wider academic community to submit the title of their proposed presentation at this conference, together with an abstract of 250-300 words, by May 15, 2017. Acceptance of papers will be communicated by May 29, 2017.

This should be accompanied by contact details: name, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number and email address. Please address submissions to Professor James R. Harrison - jimh@scd.edu.au.

It is expected that presentations will be 30 minutes, with an additional 5 minutes for questions.

Registration costs, including conference dinner, accommodation options, and transport details, will be available on the SCD website from April 10, 2017.

Plenary Sessions

Both keynote speakers are internationally famous researchers on the historical Jesus and exegetes of the gospels.
Darrell Bock has written *Key Events in the Life of the Historical Jesus* (2009) and a two volume commentary on the *Gospel of Luke* (1994), as well as many other books.

Among his many publications, Francis Moloney has written *The Resurrection of the Messiah* (2013) and *Love in the Gospel of John* (2013).

Each speaker will be giving two keynote addresses and will be participating in a forum at the end of the conference.

Conference Theme

The conference explores the various dimensions of the ministry of the historical Jesus in first-century Palestine and its impact upon the early church up to today. Papers may situate aspects of the ministry of Jesus in its archaeological, historical, social and religious context.

The pastoral and theological ramifications of his ministry within the early church may also be explored, either within the wider New Testament literature, the apocryphal gospels, and the patristic writings of the early church. The continuing impact of Jesus in contemporary culture (art, film, literature, music, politics and policy debates, etc.) may also be addressed.

Guidelines for paper proposals

1. As noted, the paper's title, with an abstract of 250-300 words, should be sent to the SCD Research Director, Professor James R. Harrison - jimh@scd.edu.au, by May 15, 2017. Submissions should be accompanied by contact details: name, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number and email address.

2. The title of the paper and its abstract must articulate clearly the line of argument that the paper will take, indicating its contribution to research in the chosen area.

3. Paper proposals should indicate whether audio-visual equipment is required for the presentation, so that the presentations in each room can proceed smoothly.

4. Subject to the papers offered, the Conference Program will assign papers to various streams (e.g. archeological, socio-historical, exegetical, theological, pastoral, ecclesial, cultural etc.), so that conferees may specialise in their interest area. It would be helpful if paper proposals would nominate the area in which their paper falls.

5. As with our previous SCD conferences (2013-2016), we will be aiming at publishing a book from the proceedings.

Further enquiries should be directed to Professor Harrison - jimh@scd.edu.au.

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