

# JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD



## Cupertino, California



### February 2–3, 2018

# TAKING JESUS SERIOUSLY BUILDING ON THE WISDOM TRADITION

## DAVID GALSTON, BRANDON SCOTT

### *The Historical Jesus*—Brandon Scott

From the time of Samuel Reimarus (1694-1768) to the time of Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) the Jesus of history was described as an apocalyptic prophet, a Jesus whose principal proclamation was his own messianic identity. The Westar Institute turned this Jesus upside down when the Jesus Seminar voted consistently that the sayings, teachings, and significance of Jesus are found in aphorisms and parables.

◆ Friday, 7–8:30 PM



**David Galston** (Ph.D., McGill University) is Executive Director of the Westar Institute, a University Chaplain, and Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. He is the author of *Embracing the Human Jesus* (2013) and *God's Human Future* (2016).



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### All Events at

St Jude's Episcopal Church  
20920 McClellan Road  
Cupertino, California 95014

### Registration Fees

#### All Sessions

Pre-registration (by Jan 19, 2018)	\$60
Registration (after Jan 19, 2018)	\$75
Additional Family Member	\$50

#### Single Sessions

Friday Evening, 7:30–9 PM	\$20
Saturday Morning, 9:30 AM–noon	\$30
Saturday Afternoon, 1:30–4 PM	\$30

### *Jesus as a Wisdom Teacher*—David Galston

The parables and aphorisms of Jesus are similar to forms of wisdom teaching in other traditions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, and Daoism, but how does Jesus compare? It is not easy to create out of the teaching of Jesus a program of enlightenment. However, there are clues in the parables and in comparing what Jesus has to offer with insights from world religion.

◆ Saturday, 9:30–10:30 AM

### *The God of Jesus*—Brandon Scott

Access to God through Jesus comes in the form of parables. Parables are metaphorical ways of taking everyday reality to imply more than the default world. Jesus used images and situations from his everyday world but posed these images as an alternative reality. What clues about the God of Jesus are given in parables and aphorisms? Access to God through Jesus comes in the form of parables.

◆ Saturday, 11 AM–noon

### *God & the Human Future*—David Galston

Thinking about God in ways consistent with the historical Jesus is called theo-poetics. This form of theology is inspired by the parables, which are elusive and do not offer ultimatums. Parables remain open to the future. Historically, theology has been about closure: about divine revelations and unchanging doctrines. A poetic theology is creative and changing. It asks what value has religion for the human future?

◆ Saturday, 1:30–2:30 PM

### *Question & Answer*—Brandon Scott & David Galston

◆ Saturday, 3–4 PM

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