

**Reading with the Spirit: *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright**

**Saturday, May 30 at 10:00-11:30 am (Location TBD)**

Was Jesus born of a virgin? Did he know he was the Messiah? Was he bodily resurrected from the dead? Did he intentionally die to redeem humankind? Was Jesus God? Two leading Jesus scholars with widely divergent views go right to the heart of these questions and others, presenting the opposing visions of Jesus that shape our faith today. Marcus J. Borg (1942–2015) was a pioneering author and teacher whom the *New York Times* described as "a leading figure in his generation of Jesus scholars." N. T. Wright, one of the world's leading Bible scholars, is the chair of New Testament and Early Christianity at the School of Divinity at the University of St. Andrews, an Anglican bishop, and bestselling author.

"... In alternating chapters, the (mostly) liberal Marcus J. Borg and the (mostly) conservative N.T. Wright consider the major questions of the historical-Jesus debate that has dominated biblical studies in the 1990s. ... The Ping-Pong structure of this book and the fastidious politeness with which the authors treat one another sometimes give *The Meaning of Jesus* a tomato/tomahto, potato/potahto bounciness, but the project is nevertheless worthy: this is a simple, clear orientation to some of the most important biblical questions of our time, and a record of a lively and loving friendship between two of the best Christian scholars alive." —Michael Joseph Gross (Amazon)

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