

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## THEODICY AND SPIRITUALITY

### CENTER FOR BIBLE STUDY

Class meets on Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM (on zoom)

Although purchasing the book *Theodicy and Spirituality in the Fourth Gospel* is recommended, it is not required.

#### Oct 7 - Introduction to Theodicy and Theodical Spirituality

- Reading: Daniel London, *Theodicy & Spirituality in the Fourth Gospel*, 1-21.

#### Oct 14 - Fruitful Ways of Reading the Gospel of John

- Dismantling Anti-Jewish readings of John  
- Reading: Daniel London, *Theodicy & Spirituality in the Fourth Gospel*, 23-38.

#### Oct 21 - Blaming the Victim: Day, Night, and the Light

- Reading: John 9:1-7 & London, *Theodicy & Spirituality in the Fourth Gospel*, 39-60.

#### Oct 28 - Blaming the Victimizer: Vision, Blindness, and the Judge

- Reading: John 9:8-41 & London, *Theodicy & Spirituality in the Fourth Gospel*, 61-82.

#### Nov 4 - Blaming God: Sheep, Wolf, and the Shepherd

- Reading: John 10:1-21 & London, *Theodicy & Spirituality in the Fourth Gospel*, 83-110.

#### Nov 11 - Claiming and Reclaiming Theodical Prayer

- Reading: London, *Theodicy & Spirituality*, 111-116 & London, "Judging God: Learning from the Jewish Tradition of Protest against God."

This is a free course offered by the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California's Center for Bible Study, but donations are gratefully received. The suggested donation is \$50, which may be made out to "St. Andrew's Church" and sent to "St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7850 Watt Ave, Antelope CA 95843." Email the Rev. Peter Rodgers (standrewsantelopeca@gmail.com) for zoom link.

"In this readable and pioneering book, Daniel DeForest London offers a transformative reading of John 9 and 10. Employing the 'Anthropological tale' of René Girard as an interpretive key to this section of John (i.e., the human propensity towards blaming and scapegoating), London shows how the Johannine Jesus transforms both victim and victimizer. The theodical spirituality emerging from his exegesis offers the promise of liberation and new life to the reader, the church, and the world. This is the most important theological book I have read in the last twenty years!"

- Peter Rodgers, Center for Bible Study

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FOURTH GOSPEL

A Girardian Perspective

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