

# JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD



**Fort Worth, Texas**



**September 20–21, 2013**

## THE HISTORICAL JESUS IN A [POST-] MODERN WORLD

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**Joe Bessler** (Ph.D., University of Chicago) is Robert Travis Peake Associate Professor of Theology at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is the author of *A Scandalous Jesus* (2013) and co-editor of a forthcoming book on Law and Religious Ethics.



**Stephen J. Patterson** (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School) is Geo. H. Atkinson Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University. He is the author of several books, including *Beyond the Passion: Rethinking the Death and Life of Jesus* (2004) and *The Gospel of Thomas and Jesus* (1993).

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### Lecture

#### *The Quest for Jesus and the Rise of Democracy*

The Quest for the Historical Jesus did not emerge in the 19th century because someone wondered what Jesus must have been like as a real person. It originated as part of a movement to open up civil society, freeing it from the power of religious authorities, a power closely tied to the power of monarchs. In this first session Joe Bessler will draw from his new book, *A Scandalous Jesus*, and show how the search for a Historical Jesus was critical to the rise of democratic ideas and institutions.

◆ **Friday Evening, 7:30–9 P.M.**

### Workshops

#### *Does America Need a Secular Religion?*

◆ **Saturday, 9:30–10:15 A.M.**

#### *The Secular Religion of Jesus*

◆ **Saturday, 10:15 A.M.–Noon**

#### *Question and Answer Session*

◆ **Saturday, 1:30–2:45 P.M.**

#### *The Future of Christian Faith*

◆ **Saturday, 2:45–4:00 P.M.**

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