

Simply Jesus

[Formerly The Living Faith]



Led by the Rector, Thursdays, 6p to 7:30p

No class on 9.23 or 11.25

We begin the evening at 6p with wine, cheese, and a casual supper in Kimball Hall. We then watch a short video and discuss it together, all questions welcomed. Formerly called **The Living Faith**, in this course students will be immersed in the 1st Century A.D. context of the life, work, teachings, and actions of Jesus of Nazareth. The goal is to look at the story of Jesus from the perspective of a historian. Too many times Jesus of Nazareth becomes interpreted as simply another ‘religious figure’ among many religious figures. But this so often eliminates the understanding of a man who lived in time and space at a critical time of history.

Meant for all audiences, no previous theological study is required or expected. Prof. NT Wright lectures on key biblical texts to walk us through the different elements that constitute the story of Jesus. In addition there you will have discussion questions to help you think more intently about the material presented.

This course tries to focus on essential biblical texts and non-biblical historical material to embrace the larger story of a Jesus of history. The Rector recommends the purchase of Prof. Wright’s book, *Simply Jesus*. Sometime Bishop of Durham (UK), Tom Wright summarizes 200 years of modern Biblical scholarship and models how Christians can best retell the story of Jesus today. The material and the dialogue with each other is encouraging and enlightening for all. We end in prayer, and dismiss before 7:30p each Thursday.

To enroll, use this [Eventbrite link](#):

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-living-faith-course-with-the-rector-tickets-168335135923>

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