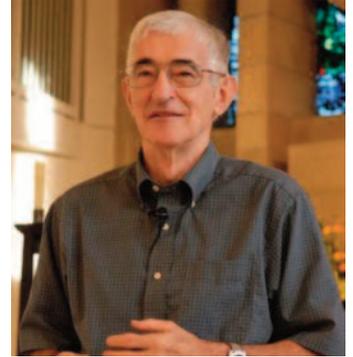


Coming to Wesley-Knox this fall! An important lecture series with John Dominic Crossan...

God and Empire

2017 October 20-22

It's been several years since Wesley-Knox hosted a major lecture series. Marcus Borg spoke at our church in 2009, Bruce Sanguin in 2011, both to large audiences. Marcus was scheduled to return in 2014 but had to bow out because of ill health. We felt that, with so much violence and oppression in today's world, it might be good to hear from someone able to speak to this from a faith perspective. We are pleased that John Dominic Crossan has accepted our invitation to come to Wesley-Knox.



John Dominic Crossan has served the faith as a Servite brother, a Roman Catholic priest, a university professor and a Jesus scholar. He is co-founder of the Jesus Seminar, the think tank of some 250 theologians that critically examined the words of Jesus recorded in the gospels. He is also the author of some twenty highly respected books on Jesus, Paul and the early Christian movement. A colleague and close friend of **Marcus Borg**, they produced three books together. (Several of Crossan's books can be found in the Wesley-Knox library.) Currently, he is Professor Emeritus at dePaul University, Chicago. He travels and lectures widely throughout North America and beyond.

Dom Crossan is an **outstanding speaker**. He is clear and compelling and, blessed with his Irish wit, even fun to hear. His lectures often follow a pattern. He explains how history, archeology and anthropology have shaped his views. He notes that the titles that early Christians applied to Jesus—Divine, Son of God, God, Lord, Liberator, Redeemer, Saviour of the World and more—were exactly the same titles applied to Roman emperors of the day. Applying these titles to Jesus, Dom believes, was essentially a challenge to the Roman Empire. He also believes that the Roman Empire of the first century is the global West (particularly America) of today, and that today's Christians face the same choices that the early Christians faced in the first century. Will it be a world of violence, force and oppression, or a world of non-violence, justice and peace?

Dom will offer **four lectures**. He will answer questions after each lecture.

Friday, October 20

- 7:30–9 pm: Civilization and Imperialism

Saturday, October 21

- 9–10:30 am: The Bible and Power
- 11 am–12:30 pm: Jesus and God
- 1:30–3 pm: Apocalypse and Violence

On **Sunday, October 22**, Dom will conduct an open question-and-answer session and deliver the sermon at morning worship.

Pricing

- Friday lecture alone: \$15
- All four lectures as a package: \$40
- Three Saturday lectures as a package: \$30
- Saturday lunch: \$10

The church will begin accepting registrations during the summer. To register, please visit crossan2017.com. You may pay using a PayPal account or a credit card using the church's secure PayPal service. Need additional information? E-mail crossan2017@wesleyknox.com. Organizers, particularly our registrars **Neil and Margaret Eadie**, will be ready to help.

This is an **outstanding opportunity** to hear a world-class speaker on an important topic, and to broaden and deepen your understanding of the faith. We hope you will choose to be part of this wonderful weekend.—*Harry MacLean*

Over the years, Dom Crossan has conducted extensive historical and archeological research in Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey. Here, at Pisidian Antioch, Turkey, Dom examines an inscription glorifying the Roman emperor. (You can easily make out the Latin word *DIVI* indicating the emperor was considered to be divine and even God.) At his lectures, Dom often uses slides to share his discoveries. He will be doing this at Wesley-Knox.

