

## *Dear ETS Members and Guests:*

Welcome to the 55th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society at the Atlanta Hilton. This year's topic is "Jesus." We have six plenary sessions devoted to the topic, four from a biblical perspective, one from a theological perspective, and one from the viewpoint of the contemporary world, as well as more than 60 papers on the various aspects of the topic. Our presidential address by David M. Howard, Jr. will encourage us about having joy in our Christian lives and in the work of our Christian scholarship.

Our Society continues its healthy growth, both in numbers and in quality of papers. One sign of this is that we have experienced a very encouraging growth of study groups in recent years, each focused on a specific subdiscipline and contributing to in-depth exploration of themes and areas of study in ways not possible previously; twenty-one are meeting this year. In all, more than 300 ETS papers—in study groups and open sessions—are scheduled. Combined with the offerings of our affiliated societies—the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Near East Archaeological Society, and Adventist Theological Society—the overall total is more than 350. Similar to last year, the open papers are grouped by theme or discipline, so that participants will present with others of mutual interest. I would like to extend my appreciation to Barry Danylak, my assistant, for his hard work in managing all the program details, and also to Jason Pranger and Barbara Moser at Zondervan for their fine effort in designing the program.

Our hotel is ideal for our meetings: large enough to accommodate our needs easily, yet small enough to enable easy getting around to sessions. There are good restaurants in the hotel itself, and in several other hotels and stand-alone establishments nearby, as well, catering to every budget. Atlanta is a wonderful city; be sure to check out the information on restaurants and other places of interest. I especially thank Mr. David Bennett, Program Manager, for his logistical support for our meeting. If you have opportunity, please thank him and the entire hotel staff for their services to us.

May we all come to know our Lord better as a result of this annual meeting, and, above all,

*may only our God be glorified.*

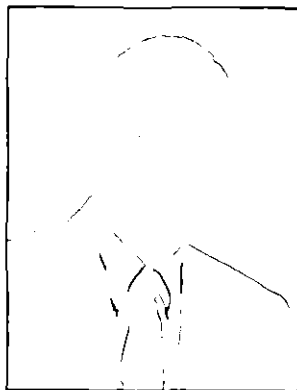
Sincerely,

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ETS President-Elect and Program Chair

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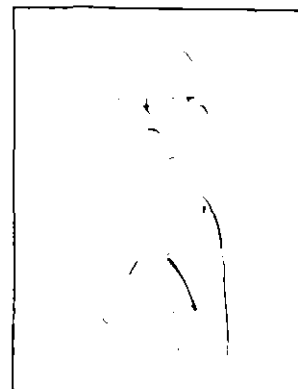


**Robert H. Stein**  
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
Wednesday, 1:30-2:10 pm

*The Present State of Synoptic Studies:  
Some Observations*

**Craig L. Blomberg**  
Denver Seminary  
Wednesday, 7:00 – 7:40 pm

*Johannine Contributions to  
Historical Jesus Research*



**Royce G. Gruenler**  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
Wednesday, 7:45 – 8:25 pm

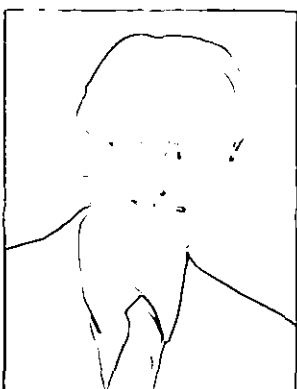
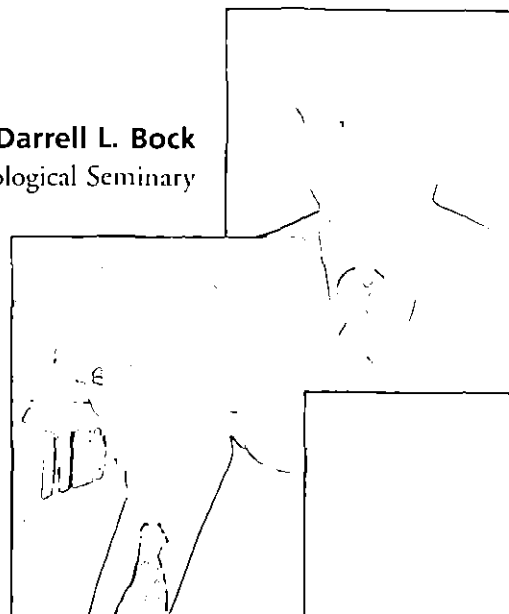
*Christology from a Biblical - Theological  
Perspective*

**Darrell L. Bock**  
Dallas Theological Seminary

**Craig A. Evans**  
Acadia Divinity College

Thursday, 12:45 – 2:05 pm

*Implications of the Judaic Background for  
Studies of Jesus: A Dialogue*

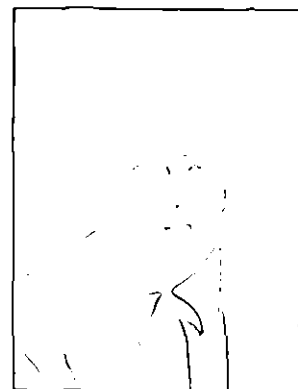


**Henri Blocher**  
Wheaton College Graduate School  
Thursday, 2:10 – 2:50 pm

*Biblical Metaphors and the Doctrine of the Atonement*

**Peter Kuzmič**  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary  
Friday, 8:30 – 9:10 am

*Jesus in Secular Ideologies*



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration fee for current members of ETS, ATS, EMS, EPS, and NEAS, is \$30 prior to October 1. October 1 and thereafter, the fee will be \$50 for members of these organizations. The non-member registration fee is \$70. Spouses of members may attend the conference sessions without charge and will be provided with a free name badge. Include the name of a non-member spouse who will attend. All tickets for the Thursday evening presidential banquet are \$20 (gratuity and tax included).

Make checks payable to Evangelical Theological Society. Mail registration form and fees to:

Dr. James A. Borland                      Phone: 434-237-5309  
 Secretary/Treasurer, ETS              Fax: 434-237-5309  
 200 Russell Woods Drive  
 Lynchburg, VA 24502-3574

On-site registrations are accepted. The conference registration area is next to the Grand Ballroom.

ETS Web site: [www.etsjets.org](http://www.etsjets.org)

## LOCATION AND FACILITIES:

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held on November 19-21, 2003, at:

**Hilton Atlanta**  
 255 Courtland Street NE  
 Atlanta, GA 30303

Hilton Reservations: 800-774-1500  
 Hotel Phone: 404-659-2000  
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Hilton corporate website: [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)  
 Hilton Atlanta website:  
[www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ATLAHHH](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ATLAHHH)

Maps showing the location of the hotel and diagrams showing the locations of the meeting rooms are included in the inside front and back cover and on pages 36-37 of this program.

## ROOMS

The ETS room rates per night in the Main Hotel are \$105 for singles, \$121 for double/twins, \$131 for triples and \$141 for quads. In the Towers the rates are \$145 for singles, \$165 for double/twins, \$171 for triples and \$181 for quads. To reserve a room, call the Hilton directly and identify yourself as a member of the Evangelical Theological Society.

## TIMING

Each parallel session lasts 40 minutes. Since one of the primary purposes of the Annual Meeting is to give opportunity for scholarly interaction, presenters are asked to complete reading of their papers in 25-30 minutes, leaving 10-15 minutes for interaction with the audience.

## TAPES OF SESSIONS

Tapes of sessions will be available almost immediately after each session at the audio tape table. You can also order tapes directly from ACT'S, Inc. by calling 800-642-2287 or visiting their website at [www.actsconferenceproducts.com](http://www.actsconferenceproducts.com).

## RESUME TABLE

Booth 24 in the Exhibit Hall (Galleria Hall) has been reserved for members to set out copies of their resumes and for schools to place notices of openings. A large message board will flank the tables, allowing interested parties to make contact. No more than ten resumes, please.

## BULLETIN BOARDS

A bulletin board will be set up in the Registration area for announcements and notes. Any conference attendee is free to post appropriate notes. An additional bulletin board will be available for news on upcoming regional ETS events.

## PRAYER ROOM

Throughout the Annual Meeting, the Council Room will be set aside for quiet prayer and meditation. Please feel free to avail yourself of this at any time.

**EXHIBIT HALL**

The Exhibit Hall for publishers' displays is located in the lower level Galleria Hall. The hours for the Exhibit Hall are as follows:

- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT**

**Driving:**

The hotel is located 12 miles from Hartsfield International Airport. Driving time averages 15 minutes.

Directions: From airport take I-85 North to city. Exit #248C (International Boulevard). Bear left at 2nd light. Take a right at Piedmont, left at 2nd light onto Baker, 1 block up left onto Courtland to the hotel entrance.

**Taxi:**

One-way taxicab fares are \$25.00 for one person, \$13.00 each for two persons, \$10.00 each for three or more.

**Shuttle bus:**

The "Atlanta Superior Airport Shuttle" runs every 30 minutes to a circuit of downtown hotels. Fares are \$14 one-way or \$22 round-trip. No reservations are needed but the last daily shuttle leaves the airport at 6:00 pm and from the hotel at 5:40 pm.

**Public Transportation:**

Atlanta has a subway (MARTA) which runs from the airport to a stop about two blocks from the hotel. Fare is \$1.75 one-way. Trains run daily until 1:00 am.

**Directions from the Airport by the Subway (MARTA):**

Take the train north and exit at Peachtree Center Station. Take the Harris Street escalator or follow the directions for Peachtree Center Mall. You will go up a very steep escalator into the Mall. Take the walkway from the Mall to the parking garage & Peachtree Center Athletic Club. Take the elevator to the street. The hotel is on your right when you exit the garage.

**PARKING**

The hotel offers valet parking (with in/out privileges for \$14/day). Self parking costs \$12/day.

**VISITORS' INFORMATION**

**Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau:**

www.atlanta.net  
 233 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100  
 Atlanta, GA 30303  
 Phone: 404-521-6600  
 Fax: 404-577-3293

**Gray Line Tours**

1-3 day excursions  
 Reservations: 404-767-0595; 800-965-6665  
 Web site: www.coachusa.com

**Future Meetings**

Year	Date	Place	General Theme
2004	November 17-19	San Antonio	What Is Truth?
2005	November 16-18	Philadelphia	Personal and Social Ethics
2006	November 15-17	Washington, DC	Christians in the Public Square
2007	November 14-16	San Diego	Teaching Them to Obey
2008	November 19-21	Boston	TBA

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 Hilton Atlanta website: [www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ATLAHHH](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ATLAHHH)

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