

Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes



Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Regional Meeting

Friday, April 9, 2021 9 am to 5 pm

Hosted via Zoom through Lancaster Bible College and Capital Bible Seminary

Keynote Speaker: Brandon J. O'Brien (PhD, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), serves as Director of Content Development and Distribution for Redeemer City to City, an organization that supports church planting in global cities. He coauthored *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blindness to Better Understand the Bible* (InterVarsity Press, 2012).

OVERVIEW

9:00-9:30 am Welcome, Introduction (Mark Draper, LBC President Kiedis)

9:30-10:30 am Plenary 1 - Brandon O'Brien - *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* (01)

10:30-11:30 am Parallel Session 1 (3 papers presented in 2 Zoom rooms)

11:30-12:15 – Lunch Break

(selected pre-recorded author interviews on video)

12:15-12:30 pm Business Meeting

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1:00-2:00 pm Parallel Session 2 (3 papers presented in 1 Zoom room; 2 papers presented in 2 Zoom rooms with discussion)

2:00-3:00 pm Parallel Session 3 (3 papers presented in 2 Zoom rooms)

3:00-5:00 pm Plenary 2 - Brandon O'Brien - *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* (02)

Panel Discussion: Dan Spanjer Dan Carter, Joe Kim, Victor Jacobs, Lucas Ndaro

SCHEDULE OF OF PRESENTATIONS

9:30 am **Plenary 1** - Brandon O'Brien on Reading Scripture through Western Eyes (01)

10:30 am Parallel Session 1 (New Testament)

Each parallel session will include (usually 3) 15 minute presentations and discussion if time permits.

Room 1

10:30 Michael Blythe

South African Theological Seminary

A Social-Scientific Reading of the Prodigal Son in the Context of Luke's Travel Narrative

10:45 Mark A. Hassler

Virginia Beach Theological Seminary

When God Speaks to Us by His Son: Determining the Time Period Demarcated by ἐσχάτου τῶν ἡμερῶν τούτων in Hebrews 1:2

11:00 Kevin D. Koslowsky

Faith Presbyterian Church

The Persuasive Power of Paul's Preaching

Discussion (please conclude discussion a few minutes prior to the next session)

Room 2

10:30 Philip Thomas Mohr

The Catholic University of America

The Regnum Christi over All Thrones: Examining Beza's Annotations on Matthew 23.2

10:45 Christopher J. Jones

Grace Community Baptist Church

Seeing Discipleship, Mission, and Church and Their Intertwining Result through the Lens of the New Testament Authors

11:00 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Identifying Thematic and Quotation Clusters in John's Use of Isaiah: A Case Study in Methodology in the Use of the Old Testament in the New

Discussion (please conclude discussion a few minutes prior to the next session)

1:00 pm Parallel Session 2 (Conference Theme and History)

Room 1

1:00 Mark Draper

Lancaster Bible College and Capital Seminary

Reading and Misreading Scripture through Western Eyes: The Bible and Slavery

1:15 Daniel R. Spanjer

Lancaster Bible College and Capital Seminary

Reading the Bible with Timothy Dwight at Yale

1:30 Joseph L. Thomas

Evangelical Theological Seminary

The Birth of Pentecostalism and the Western Tradition of Reading Scripture

Discussion (please conclude discussion a few minutes prior to the next session)

Room 2

1:00 James A. Roh

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

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1:15 Kyunga Song

Asian Center for Theological Studies Mission

About Western Christians' Cultural Misreading of "Forgiveness from the Heart"

1:30 Joshua Centanni

Westminster Theological Seminary

Does Jesus Believe in a Third Sex Category? Eunuchs for the Kingdom, Sex Classification, and Intersex

Discussion (please conclude discussion a few minutes prior to the next session)

Room 3

1:00 Gregg Strawbridge

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1:15 Stephen McCormick

Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music

Unmade Disciples: The Perils of Reading Matthew 28:16–20 with Western Eyes

1:30

Gregg Parker

University of Edinburgh

Herman Bavinck's 1908-1909 Speeches on John Calvin

Discussion (please conclude discussion a few minutes prior to the next session)

2:00 pm Parallel Session 3 (Theology)

Room 1

2:00 Timothy Decker

Blue Ridge Institute for Theological Education

The Biblical Quiver from Which Athanasius Drew His Arrow of Impassibility Aimed at the Arians

2:15 Daniel Gilbert

Regent University, School of Divinity

John Calvin on the Spirit and Word: His Thoughts and Influence

2:30 Rodney Pearce

Calvary Bible Church

*Changing Semantic Domains and Potential Challenges to Bible Translation and Biblical Thinking—
Illustrated by “Gossip”*

Discussion (please conclude discussion a few minutes prior to the next session)

Room 2

2:00 Bruce Terry

Ohio Valley University

Two Kinds of Days in Scripture: Practical and Ceremonial

2:15 Daniel E. Carver

Lancaster Bible College and Capital Seminary

Interpreting Biblical Prophecy: The ‘New Covenant’ of Jeremiah and Ezekiel

2:30 Julie Walsh

Regent University

*Approaching an Egalitarian Doctrine of Scripture: Applying Gadamer to Concursus and Illumination
[student paper]*

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