

JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD



Irvine, California

April 16–17, 2010



THE FIFTH GOSPEL

The Gospel of Thomas and the Wisdom of Jesus

MILTON C. MORELAND & STEPHEN J. PATTERSON

Lecture

The Gospel of Thomas and the Wisdom of Jesus

Stephen J. Patterson

In 1945 a new gospel was discovered that would alter the way scholars look at gospels, the origins of Christianity, even Jesus himself. In this lecture Stephen J. Patterson will introduce the Gospel of Thomas and explain how it has—and continues—to challenge just about everything we have assumed to be true in the story of how Christianity began.

◆ **Friday evening, 7:30–9 P.M.**



Milton C. Moreland (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University) is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Program in Archaeology at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. He is the editor of *Between Text and Artifact: Integrating Archaeology into Biblical Studies Teaching* (2003). His other publications include two edited books on the sayings of Jesus.



Stephen J. Patterson is Professor of New Testament at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis and chair of the Jesus Seminar on Christian Origins. In Fall 2010 he will become the Atkinson Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. His latest book is *Beyond the Passion: Rethinking the Death and Life of Jesus* (Fortress, 2004).

Workshops

Thomas, Q and the Early Christian Wisdom Tradition

Milton Moreland & Stephen J. Patterson

Thomas did not appear in a vacuum. For generations scholars have known about other early Christian sayings gospels—wisdom gospels. What can Q, Thomas, and the whole body of early Christian wisdom sayings tell us about the earliest followers of Jesus, and their teacher.

Christianity East of the Euphrates: Thomas at Home

The Gospel of Thomas was written in a place unique among the cities that hosted the earliest Jesus communities: Edessa, beyond the Euphrates River. This, it turns out, makes a world of difference.

◆ **Saturday, 9:30 A.M.–Noon**

Q & A on the Gospel of Thomas

Every discussion of the Gospel of Thomas raises a host of questions. In this session, Patterson and Moreland will take your questions about Thomas, Q, and the fascinating discussion that is unfolding around these early Christian sayings gospels.

The Gospel of Thomas Today

A new gospel? What might this mean for Christian believers today? Is this the same Christianity we have always known, or does Thomas open a new window on this ancient religion? In this final session, Moreland and Patterson will engage the audience in conversation about the significance of the Gospel of Thomas for today.

◆ **Saturday, 1:30–4 P.M.**

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