



THE CASE FOR JESUS

THE BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR CHRIST

DO YOU FOLLOW JESUS ‘ON THE WAY’?

Can we trust the Gospels? Do we really know who wrote them? Do the Gospels communicate truth – or fabricated fables? Who is Jesus? Who did Jesus claim to be? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he draws evidence from both early Christian and non-Christian writings attesting to the authenticity, authorship, and dating of the Gospels, and as he gives an in-depth look at the Gospel accounts of Jesus’s Crucifixion, Resurrection, and the proclamation of Christ’s divinity.

Dr. Pitre’s powerful presentation will strengthen your faith so that you can not only stand firm and profess that Jesus truly is “the Christ, the Son of the living God,” but also confidently respond to any skeptics you encounter.

Session Titles:

- 1 - Were the Gospels Anonymous?
- 2 - The Early Church Fathers
- 3 - Are the Gospels Biographies?
- 4 - When were the Gospels Written?
- 5 - The Kingdom of God and the Messiah
- 6 - Did Jesus Claim to be God?
- 7 - The Crucifixion of Jesus
- 8 - The Resurrection of Jesus
- 9 - Question and Answer

Video Lecturer: Dr. Brant Pitre



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LECTIO is a series of studies created by the experts at the *Augustine Institute* to help you unveil the deeper meaning of Scripture and the Traditions of the Catholic Church. This series features a unique style of study which engages your mind, faith, experience, and imagination, leading you to read, reflect, and respond. All in all, you will discover the powerful and personal truth of God’s Word and practical inspiration for your life.

What is Lectio Divina?

Lectio Divina is an ancient practice to enhance one’s prayer life through the power of God’s Word. The term itself means “divine reading” of the Sacred Scriptures. Using simple steps each day as you studies the Sacred Scriptures, you will develop an effective way to study and pray with God’s Word and hear God’s voice in your daily life.

What are the defining features of LECTIO?

- ◆ **LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS** features high quality video instruction from a gifted teacher and Distinguished Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute, the fastest growing Catholic Theological Graduate School in the country.
- ◆ Beautifully and thoughtfully crafted study guide that leads one deeper into the study of the historicity of the Gospels and Jesus through discussion questions, reflections and practical tips on incorporating *Lectio Divina* into daily life.
- ◆ **LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS** features a 100+ page guide for personal study and prayer that includes 9 weeks of guided daily reflections.

What is in each Study Guide?

- ◆ 9 sessions that help us to trust the truth and historicity of the Gospels, understand who Jesus is, and more!
- ◆ An outline summary of each video presentation
- ◆ Thought-provoking questions for reflection and discussion
- ◆ Practical tips for including Lectio Divina in your daily prayer life
- ◆ Insights and information for deeper understanding
- ◆ 5 Guided reflections per session to make the study your own throughout the week
- ◆ Space for personal journaling with each session



Video Lecturer: Dr. Brant Pitre

Brant Pitre is Distinguished Research Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute and he received his Ph.D. in New Testament and ancient Judaism from the University of Notre Dame. He teaches, writes and lectures on Scripture, with an emphasis on the Jewish roots of Christianity. His writings include *Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God*, *Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told*, *Jesus and the Jewish Root of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*, *The Case for Jesus*, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*, among others.

There are a total of 9 sessions, which will be held on Wednesday evenings. Each session is designed to be viewed and reflected upon throughout the week – an exercise which is aided by the guided reflections found in the Study Guide.

THE CASE FOR JESUS ~ Session Dates and Times

Session 1 — Were the Gospels Anonymous?	Wed., Sept. 15, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 2 — The Early Church Fathers	Wed., Sept. 22, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 3 — Are the Gospels Biographies?	Wed., Sept. 29, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 4 — When were the Gospels Written?	Wed., Oct. 6, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 5 — The Kingdom of God and the Messiah	Wed., Oct. 20, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 6 — Did Jesus Claim to be God?	Wed., Oct. 27, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 7 — The Crucifixion of Jesus	Wed., Nov. 3, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 8 — The Resurrection of Jesus	Wed., Nov. 17, 2021	6:30 pm
Session 9 — Question and Answer	Wed., Dec. 1, 2021	6:30 pm

All Sessions to be held in Sacred Heart School Cafeteria

Don't miss out on learning more about the truth of the Gospels! Call Sacred Heart at 740-622-8817 and reserve your spot today, or you may simply fill out the form below and return to Sacred Heart by mail or place in the Offertory basket. Study Guides are \$10 each, and cover all 9 sessions.

Yes! I want to be a part of the Lectio Program offered at Sacred Heart Church.

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