



NEWSLETTER

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The resurrection of Jesus: historical truth or mythical creation? 27 August 2014

Honours Seminar open to everyone . The group meet on Wednesday 15:00 – 17:00 in the seminar room in the department Ring A 6th floor.

The debate concerning the resurrection can be summarised as containing two opposing views: Some scholars insist that the historical truth of Jesus' resurrection can be confirmed by historical inquiry, while others are critical or sceptical that the gospel accounts being seen as mythical or legendary creations with little connection to any historical reality (Craffert 2009). This debate was stimulated by the change of paradigm followed by the 18th century's intellectual movement (Enlightenment) that held human reason to be the ultimate norm for truth. Soon the Bible was also critically read and interpreted as the result of the emergence of the historical-critical approach that questioned the historicity of certain events recorded in the gospels, especially the resurrection, as well as comparative religious studies that compared the gospel accounts of Jesus with Greco-Roman narratives of other redemptive figures (cf. Wolmarans 2009).

First year support tutorial 'How to study for exams' 27 August 2014

All first year students are invited to join Dr Frahm-Arp for a special tutorial on 'How to study for exams'. The tutorial will be in the seminar room starting at 13:00.

Old Testament and Jewish Studies Conferences 1-5 September 2014

At the beginning of the first week of September the Jewish studies SASNES conference will take place on Bunting Road Campus. The Old Testament Society of South Africa annual conference will be held just after this, also on the Bunting Road Campus. The OTSSA conference takes place from the 3 – 5 September 2014.

ASRSA conference

27 – 29 August 2014

The annual conference for the Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa will be held at the University of the Northwest Potchefstroom campus from the 27-29 August this year. The topic is Religious Freedom and Human Rights.