



# Metro/Religion

## Lecture On Historical Jesus Debate Set Feb. 22

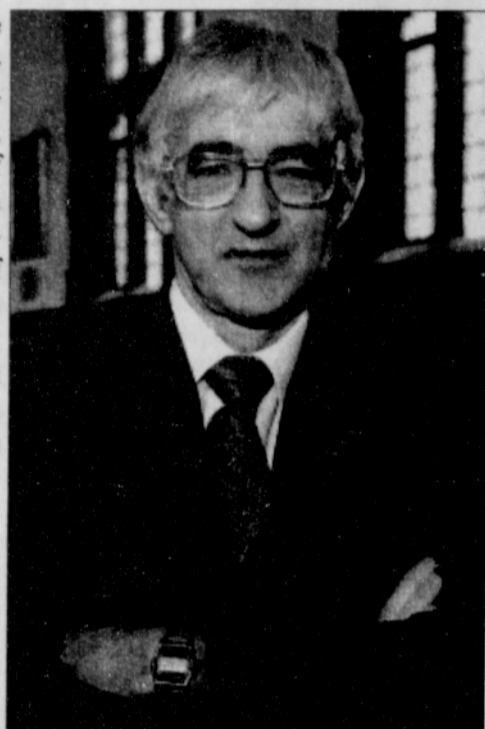
John Dominic Crossan, one of the most prolific and influential scholars in the ongoing debate about the historical Jesus, will deliver the University of Oregon's Gaston Lecture in Christianity at 7:30 on Thursday, Feb. 22, in Room 175 of the Knight Law Center, 1515 Agate St.

The lecture, "The Historical Jesus: Method and Meaning in Research," is sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, the Gaston Bequest and the Oregon Humanities Center. It is free and open to the public, but seating, the limited, so early arrival is advisable.

Scholars have long been interested in trying to reconstruct as much as can be known historically about Jesus (as opposed to biblical stories and statements of religious faith), according to Daniel K. Falk, UO assistant professor of ancient Judaism and biblical studies. "This attempt is currently one of the most heated and fascinating religious topics," he says. "Scholars have used increasingly complex criteria to sift out the meager reliable historical data, and their efforts have gone through several phases including disillusionment with the whole task as virtually impossible."

Falk says different research methods and assumptions lead to very different and conflicting pictures of Jesus, often strikingly at odds with traditional Christian view of Jesus.

"Many popular best-sellers and



John Dominic Crossan

tabloid articles have appeared, some claiming radical new "truths" about Jesus while others are more straightforwardly trying to communicate to the general public the latest controversial view of scholars about Jesus," Falk explains.

The problems, he notes, is that

most of the public, including those fascinated by the subject and devouring all of the popular books, have little understanding of the nature of the scholarly task that produces these new and conflicting pictures of Jesus. The methods and presuppositions used determine the conclusions reached, and scholars disagree sharply on the methods and how they are to be applied.

"Professor Crossan will address the critical question of method in his talk, explaining the distinctive interdisciplinary method and characterizes his own researching," Falk says. "His talk should be of interest and value to those with any interest in who Jesus was, even if they disagree with Crossan's own conclusions."

Crossan, a DePaul University professor emeritus of religious studies, was co-chair of the famous Jesus Seminar from its founding in 1985 to 1996. He has received awards for scholarly excellence from both the American Academy of Religion in 1989 and DePaul University in 1991 and 1995.

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She was a member of the church. She married Amos Daniels; he died earlier.

Survivors include her

daughter, Carol Mae Bennett; and nephews, Eli and Henry Johnson. Her daughter Dorothy Leboyd died earlier. Her son, Isiah Woods, died earlier.

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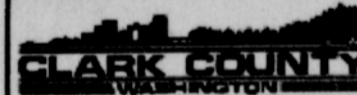
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