

Jesus to Constantine: The Revisionist Story

With Rev. Roderic P. Frohman



Sunday Class Dates – updated

Session 1	September 11	Overview: The Three Major Rivers of Early Christianity
Session 2	October 2	The Diversity of Forms of the “Primitive” Christian Story
Session 3	October 9	The Diversity of Voices-- The Women-- A Systematic Silencing
Session 4	October 16	The Diversity of Voices: Paul, James and John
Session 5	October 23	The End of the Christian Synagogue
Session 6	November 6	Major Conflict: Marcion and the Rise of Gnosticism
Session 7	November 13	The Pre-Orthodox Reaction: 135 to 235 A.D.
Session 8	November 20	The Empire Strikes Back: 235 – 270 AD
Session 9	November 27	Thermidor: The Constantinian Revolution: 270 – 325 AD
Session 10	December 4	The Uses of the Past: Summary of the Course

NO CLASSES ON SEPT 18, SEPT 25 & OCT 30

Summary

The geographical trajectory of the Christian story in the New Testament is north out of Palestine through Turkey and then west through Greece and Italy to France and Spain.

However, many other believers journeyed east along other land routes such as the ancient Persian Royal Road through Baghdad/Babylon into northern Mesopotamia and the Silk Road. Many went as far as western China and India.

But the Church also went south to Africa. The indigenous strength of Christianity in Egypt enabled the faith to expand up the Nile River, to the middle of modern Sudan.

So, where is the original, main stream of Christianity? There isn't one. There are three. Since the church in the West is our stream we will mainly follow the pre-Catholic origins of Christianity to Constantine.

Location: Room 4 at PPC

Time: 11:30 AM (Sundays after worship)

Light refreshments will be served in the Crossroads Lounge BEFORE each class.

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All classes will be supported by PowerPoint slides provided to each attendee. A complete text of the presentation will be provided at the end of each class.

Electronic copies via email will be provided by Brenda in the PPC office if a class is missed.