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NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT

APOCRYPHA AND CANON

Lost Scriptures and the Making of the New Testament

SEPTEMBER 26 - 27, 2026



Conference Schedule · all sessions in Eastern Time (ET)

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Friday

SEPTEMBER 25

6:30 – 8:50 PM ET

6:30–7:45 PM

Beyond the Canonical Four: Why the Apocryphal Gospels Matter

Dr. Mark Goodacre · Duke University

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7:55–8:50 PM

Keynote Reception

Open to every attendee

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Saturday

SEPTEMBER 26
10:00 AM – 3:50 PM ET

10:00–10:50 AM

The Lost Letter of Paul: Paul's Epistle to the Laodiceans as Christian Scripture

Dr. Ian Mills · Australian Catholic University

10:50–11:10 AM

Audience Q&A

11:10–11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM–12:05 PM

Forged? A New Proposal on the Origins of Secret Mark

Dr. Craig Evans · The Bible Seminary

12:05–12:25 PM

Audience Q&A

12:25–1:25 PM

Lunch break

1:25–2:15 PM

The Gospel That Rattled the Church: Thomas and the Secret Teachings of Jesus

Dr. Elaine Pagels · Princeton University

2:15–2:35 PM

Audience Q&A

2:35–2:40 PM

Break

2:40–3:30 PM

The Gospel of Mary: Christian Teaching Before the Canon

Dr. Karen King · Harvard University

3:30–3:50 PM

Audience Q&A



Sunday

SEPTEMBER 27
10:00 AM – 3:50 PM ET

10:00–10:50 AM

Holy 'Terror? Early Christian Stories about Jesus' Childhood and Family

Dr. Chris Frilingos • Michigan State University

10:50–11:10 AM

Audience Q&A

11:10–11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM–12:05 PM

The Noncanonical Heroine: Thecla Across the Centuries

Dr. Janet Spittler • University of Virginia

12:05–12:25 PM

Audience Q&A

12:25–1:25 PM

Lunch break

1:25–2:15 PM

Hero or Villain? The Enigmatic Judas in the Gospel of Judas

Dr. Nicola Denzey Lewis • Cornell University

2:15–2:35 PM

Audience Q&A

2:35–2:40 PM

Break

2:40–3:30 PM

Theological Hot Potato: The Apocalypse of Peter and the Mystery of Its Removal

Dr. Bart Ehrman • UNC Chapel Hill

3:30–3:50 PM

Audience Q&A



Special Guest Presentations

PRE-RECORDED
On demand

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Bones of Contention: The Contested Deaths of Peter and Paul

Dr. David Eastman · McCallie School

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Meeting Mary Magdalene: The Forgotten Leader of the Disciples

Dr. Kim Fowler · University of Groningen

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Peter and the Magician: A Defining Confrontation in Early Christianity

Dr. Shaily Patel · Virginia Tech

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On demand

The Other Life of Mary: Stories the Bible Never Told about the Mother of Jesus

Dr. Tony Burke · York University

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Beyond the Main Stage

LIVE EVENING EVENTS

Mixers, roundtables & Bart's breakdown

Mon, Sept 28
6:30–8:00 PM

VIP & Elite Mixer

With Mark Goodacre, Ian Mills, Chris Frilingos, Janet Spittler, Elaine Pagels, Karen King, Craig Evans, Nicola Denzey Lewis & David Eastman

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Tue, Sept 29
5:00–7:00 PM

Roundtable I

Are the early Christian apocryphal writings different in kind or in degree from the ones in the canon?

Mark Goodacre, Chris Frilingos, Nicola Denzey Lewis & David Eastman

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Wed, Sept 30
6:30–8:00 PM

General Attendee Mixer

Hosted by Megan Kraege

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Thu, Oct 1
5:00–7:00 PM

Roundtable II

Are the apocryphal Gospels, on the whole, more theologically slanted than the canonical Gospels?

Ian Mills, Craig Evans, David Eastman & Travis Proctor

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Tue, Oct 6
6:00–7:15 PM

Hot Topic Discussion

Were the four canonical Gospels chosen as Scripture because they were the most historically accurate?

Mark Goodacre & Ian Mills

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Thu, Oct 8
6:30–8:20 PM

Post-Event Breakdown

A summary, breakdown & live Q&A, hosted by Bart Ehrman

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