

Nostra Aetate and the Rediscovery of the Jewish Jesus

The significance of Jesus' Jewish identity
in light of Nostra Aetate

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the conciliar declaration Nostra Aetate, the watershed moment in Jewish-Christian dialogue. Within its text, it is clearly stated, through the words of Paul (Rom. 9:5), that from the Jews "is the Christ according to the flesh." The conference "Nostra Aetate and the Rediscovery of the Jewish Jesus" aims to explore, through the contributions of internationally renowned scholars, the significance of Jesus' Jewish identity in light of the path outlined by Nostra Aetate. The event will address historical, theological, methodological, and educational aspects, while also focusing on the Jewish presence in the city of Rome, which is hosting the conference.

Thursday 27 February at 2:30 p.m. there will be a cultural event at 'Ostia Antica Synagogue' with **ELSA LAURENZI**, archaeologist and **Alessandro D'ALESSIO**, Director of Parco Archeologico di Ostia Antica

The meeting point for the visit to Ostia will be at the entrance to the park which can be reached by public transport.

To attend the visit to the "Ostia Antica Synagogue", please fill the the google form by 17 February at <https://forms.gle/5bj5hTuCusp7YkvY7>

The event will be in English and in presence

Registration required at www.unigre.it by 6:00 p.m. on February 24

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February 26 - 27, 2025

Aula Magna

Pontifical Biblical Institute, Piazza della Pilotta 35

February 28, 2025

Room C012

Pontifical Gregorian University, Piazza della Pilotta 4

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY
Aula Magna, Pontifical Biblical Institute

17:00-19:15 SESSION I

Welcome Greetings

PETER DUBOVSKÝ, *President, Pontifical Biblical Institute*

MASSIMO GARGIULO, *Pro-Director, Cardinal Bea Center for Judaic Studies, Pontifical Gregorian University*

Moderator: JOSEPH SIEVERS, *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

Preparing for Nostra Aetate: Augustin Bea, SJ, at the Pontifical Biblical Institute (1924-1959)

MICHAEL FLORIAN PFISTER, *University of Münster*

The Contribution of R. Joseph Ber Soloveitchik towards Nostra Aetate

ADELE VALERIA MESSINA, *University of Parma*

Short break

A Concealed Medieval Argument about the Jewishness of Jesus?

DAVID MEYER, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

Discussion

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY
Aula Magna, Pontifical Biblical Institute

09:00-10:30 SESSION II

Moderator: MASSIMO GARGIULO, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

Was Jesus a Good Jew, a Bad Jew, or an Anti-Jew? Variations on a theme from the Gospels to the present

ADELE REINHARTZ, *University of Ottawa*

Natural Law, Mosaic Torah, and Justification by Faith: The Inclusive "in-Christ" Theology of Paul the Jew

GABRIELE BOCCACCINI, *University of Michigan*

Discussion

10:30-11:00 *Short break*

11:00-12:30 SESSION III

Moderator: FRANCESCO GRAZIANO, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

The Experience of Teaching Christians about Second Temple Judaism: Resources and Challenges

JOSEPH SIEVERS, *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

Respondants:

DANIELA SCIALABBA, *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

VASILE BABOTA, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

SCOTT BRODEUR, *Pontifical Gregorian University*

Discussion

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FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY
Room C012, Pontifical Gregorian University

9:00-10:30 SESSION IV

Moderator: PAOLA MOLLO, *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

Understanding Jesus Means Understanding Judaism: Common Errors and Needed Corrections

AMY-JILL LEVINE, *Vanderbilt University -Tennessee, Hartford International University for Religion and Peace*

Prof. Roger Le Déaut and the Jewish Jesus at the Pontifical Biblical Institute

CRAIG E. MORRISON, *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

Discussion

10:30-11:00 *Short break*

11:00-12:30 SESSION V

Moderator: CRAIG E. MORRISON, *Pontifical Biblical Institute*

New Perspectives on the Methodological Perspective within Judaism

ANDERS RUNESSON, *University of Oslo*

Round Table discussion

The Future of the Jewish Jesus in Christian Teaching:

MASSIMO GARGIULO, AMY-JILL LEVINE, ADELE REINHARTZ, SCOTT BRODEUR