

Special Issue

Jesus and Spirituality: In Biblical and Historical Perspective

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The scope and purpose of this Special Issue is to gather a dozen or so essays on Jesus and spirituality from biblical and historical perspectives. In particular, we are looking for six essays on biblical treatments of the issue, including: (a) spirituality in Second-Temple Judaism, spirituality in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John and the Letters of Paul; and (b) spirituality and Jesus in early Christianity, Medieval Christianity, Protestant Christianity, contemplative Christianity, charismatic Christianity, and interfaith perspectives. The value of this particular Special Issue lies in tracing the development of spirituality interests furthered by Jesus of Nazareth within early Judaism and Christianity, developing over two millennia, and engaging contemporary issues within a pluralistic society. Of special interest are the relations between theological understandings, devotional practices, personal transformation, and societal impact, focusing on understandings of the ministry and message of Jesus and their impact from a historical perspective.

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