



# JESUS

## BEGINNING, MIDDLE, & END OF TIME?

ESCHATOLOGY  
IN GOSPELS & ACTS  
RESEARCH

30 SEPT + 1 OCT 2021  
CALL FOR PAPERS  
BY 1 JUNE, 2021



## PLENARY SESSIONS

There will be four keynote addresses related to the conference theme.



**CRAIG A. EVANS**  
(BA MA MDiv PhD DHabil)

JOHN BISAGNO Distinguished Professor of Christian Origins  
Houston Baptist University

Kingdoms in Conflict:  
The Jesus Movement and the Roman Empire  
(2 addresses)



**DEBRA SNODDY**  
(BATH [Hons] MFSS MTh STL PhD STD)

Lecturer in Biblical Studies  
Catholic Institute of Sydney in Strathfield, NSW

Realising the Now and the Not Yet of the  
Realised Eschatology in the Gospel of John:  
John's Focus and Purpose and Why it Still  
Matters to All Christians.



**MICHELE CONNOLLY**  
(BA DipEd BTh [Hons] MA PhD)

Lecturer in Biblical Studies  
Catholic Institute of Sydney in Strathfield, NSW

"Evening, midnight, cockcrow, morning"  
(Mark 13:35): Mark's eschatological timeframe  
for telling the suffering, death and  
resurrection of Jesus.

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## CONFERENCE THEME FOCUS

## GUIDELINES FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

The Sydney College of Divinity invites scholars, doctoral candidates, and others working in the theological and wider academic community to propose a paper related to Gospels and Acts research for the 2021 Centre for Gospels & Acts Research Conference by **1 June, 2021**.

Acceptance of papers will be communicated by **30 June, 2021**.

Presentations will be 20 minutes, with an additional 5–10 minutes for questions.

Given the uncertainty surrounding how long the extraordinary circumstances of the present global pandemic may prevail,

the conference will cater for face-to-face (if possible) AND online attendance, with a mixture of pre-recorded and real-time sessions. One advantage that immediately presents itself is that those who may have been precluded from attending, due to the barriers of distance, may now participate in the proceedings.

Further details, including registration costs, will be available on the SCD website in March 2021. [www.scd.edu.au](http://www.scd.edu.au)

In 2020, reeling from the global pandemic, it was as if the world was forced to come to a stand-still. The emergent rhetoric spoke of 'the old normal' as we looked ahead to 'the new normal' — whatever that may be. Human beings live within time. When a large enough crisis occurs the world changes — within time and over time and for time to come. The known past, moves through an uncertain present, on into an unknown future.

As part of this world's past, Jesus of Nazareth announced 'the times are fulfilled, the Kingdom of God has drawn near'. The world had come to a crisis point by which it would change forever. According to the message of the earliest Jesus' movement, it had entered 'the last days'. Eschatological time, with the eschatological clash between the kingdoms of this world and the kingdom of God.

The Gospel and Acts report on those times, for the sake of all times. And for us who live in these times. The 21st century world presents opportunities and challenges that requires the message about Jesus Christ to be continually re-presented with clarity and concern. Such clarification and concern requires serious and careful research into the foundation documents of the Christian movement.

Papers addressing any aspect of Gospels and Acts research, but particularly those addressing aspects of the conference theme are now called for. Presentations will be organized into appropriate streams to facilitate good conversation amongst like-minded researchers.

### 1/

The title of the proposed presentation, with an abstract of 250 –300 words, should be sent to:

**Assoc. Prof. Peter Bolt** - Director of the Centre for Gospels & Acts Research  
**PeterB@scd.edu.au** by **1 June, 2021**.

Submissions should be accompanied by contact details: name, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number and email address.

### 2/

The title of the paper and its abstract must articulate clearly the line of argument that the paper will take, indicating its contribution to research in the chosen area.

### 3/

Proposals should indicate that the paper will be available for pre-recording (if necessary) at least two to three weeks prior to the conference dates.

### 4/

Further enquiries should be directed to **Assoc. Prof. Peter Bolt:**  
**PeterB@scd.edu.au** or **02 9095 4762**.