

# The Universal Christ

A Webcast with Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, John Dominic Crossan and Jacqui Lewis

**Dates:** Friday June 21, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday June 22, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$85 includes lunch on Saturday  
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*Registration deadline: June 19*

**Detail:** Christ is more than Jesus' last name. Jesus is a person whose example we can follow. Christ is a cosmic life principle in which all beings participate. The incarnation is an ongoing revelation of Christ, uniting matter and spirit, operating as one and everywhere. Together - Jesus and Christ - show us "the way, the truth, and the life" of death and resurrection.

Join us as we explore the central themes of Father Richard's new book and discover the roots of the universal Christ in the rich history of the Christian tradition. Experience Easter in a new way as we consider Holy Week through a larger, cosmic view of Christ, drawing upon theology, practices, conversation, and liturgy. How might this vision impact our own lives and communities?

Franciscan Richard Rohr will be joined by historian John Dominic Crossan and public theologian Jacqui Lewis. This conference took place in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 28-31, and will be shown as a webcast at Queen's House.

## Presenters

**Richard Rohr:** What if Christ is a name for the transcendent within of every "thing" in the universe? What if Christ is a name for the immense spaciousness of all true Love? What if Christ refers to an infinite horizon that pulls us both from within and pulls us forward, too? What if Christ is another name for every thing—in its fullness?

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province. He is the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation and academic dean of the CAC's Living School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. An internationally recognized author and spiritual leader, Fr. Richard teaches primarily on incarnational mysticism, nondual consciousness, and contemplation, with a particular emphasis on how these affect the social justice issues of our time. He is the author of numerous books, including *Falling Upward*, *Immortal Diamond*, *The Divine Dance*, *Essential Teachings on Love*, and *The Universal Christ*.

**Dr. John Dominic Crossan:** Why are all the major events in the life of Christ directly described in the Gospels except for his resurrection? Why does Western Christianity depict an individual resurrection but Eastern Christianity, a universal resurrection? Could it be that the West gutted the heart of Christianity's understanding of the resurrection by rejecting a once-common universal iconography in favor of an individualistic vision?

Dr. John Dominic Crossan is an Irish-American New Testament scholar and historian of early Christianity. He has lectured around the world and been interviewed on numerous television and radio stations. He has written twenty-eight books on the historical Jesus, the apostle Paul, and earliest Christianity, and his work has been translated into thirteen foreign languages. His latest book is *Resurrecting Easter: How the West Lost and the East Kept the Original Vision*, co-authored with Sarah Sexton Crossan.

**The Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis:** What if every human being is anointed, Messiahed, Christ? What if the most fundamental aspect of our identity is that we are each anointed and appointed by The Holy One, by Spirit - to preach good news to the poor, liberty to the captive, and sight to the blind? What if we take seriously being the body of the Christ—that we are the hands, feet, and heartbeat of the Living God? What if we are Word made flesh, Love made flesh, Light made flesh?

The Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis is Senior Minister at Middle Collegiate Church and President of The Middle Project. She is an activist, preacher, and fierce advocate for racial equality, economic justice, and LGBTQ equality. She has been adjunct professor at several seminaries and is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She is the co-author of *The Pentecost Paradigm: Ten Strategies for Becoming a Multiracial Congregation*, author of *The Power of Stories*, and is working on a memoir about finding a grown-up God.

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