

# Debate rages over political crucifixion

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involved, and there is, it's "a guilt that involves us all."  
Against Horsley, Bryan argues that Jesus didn't align with forces that sought to overthrow Rome's rule and install an independent Jewish government. Rather, Jesus held all sorts of rulers accountable for civil peace and God's justice. In that limited sense, Jesus' words and works were "both political and revolutionary" and today's Christians bear responsibility for society.

But — do the four Gospels even tell us what actually happened?  
John Dominic Crossan, a liberal Roman Catholic at DePaul University in Chicago, thought "the early Christians knew nothing" except that Jesus was killed.  
Bryan, however, considers it "intrinsically unlikely" that Jesus' followers could have been "so utterly devoid of ordinary human concern or curiosity." The ancients were notably interested in learning about people's deaths as an index to character.

Bryan, no fundamentalist, is cautious about the Gospels' Passion accounts but thinks it's unproven, and close to unlikely, that they lack historical value. That outlook is shared by Raymond Brown's masterwork "Death of the Messiah" (Doubleday, 1994, two volumes).  
A typical historical dispute involves claims from a few that the Jewish Sanhedrin would have had power to execute Jesus for religious offenses. If so, crucifixion by Rome implies the New Testament is wrong and Jesus was

executed only for political crimes  
Bryan says both classical historians and Judaism's Talmud confirm that Rome had exclusive power to enact capital punishment. There was only one special exception, noted by the first-century Jewish historian Josephus: Jewish authorities retained the right to execute foreigners who entered restricted precincts of the Temple.  
True, Jews stoned Stephen to death and Jesus rescued an adulterous woman from stoning, but these were mob

lynchings, not formal tribunals. Josephus reports the Jewish execution of Jesus' brother James, but that took advantage of a power vacuum between Roman governors.  
Other recent treatments:  
• "The Crucifixion of Jesus" (M. Evans) by Frederick Zugibe, retired chief medical examiner of New York's Rockland County, forensics and Shroud of Turin materials.  
• "The Last Week" (HarperSanFrancisco), a liberal deconstruction from "Jesus Seminar" members Crossan

and Marcus Borg.  
• "Murder at Golgotha: Revisiting the Most Famous Crime Scene in History" (St. Martin's), British journalist Ian Wilson's "crime scene investigation."  
• "The Passion: The True Story of an Event That Changed Human History" (Penguin) by Geza Vermes, Britain's leading Jewish scholar on Jesus, who emphasizes discrepancies among the four Gospels.

# Women's conference at Kingdom of God Ministries

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practices. The registration fee for the workshop is \$50.  
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The Kingdom of God Christian Fellowship Ministries will host its sixth annual women's conference through Saturday Services begin nightly at 7 p.m. with a Sat-

urday morning seminar at 10 a.m. This event, which will be held at 4837 South Tryon St., is free and open to the public. For more information call (704) 713-4862.  
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**May 6**  
Seigne Avenue First Church of God Girls in Action for Christ presents the first Mother and Daughter Luncheon, "Empowering Another Generation." The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bette Rae Thomas Recreational Center, 2921 Tuck-

aseegee Road. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For more information, call (704) 637-4690.  
**May 15**  
True Way Church of God in Christ will host its annual Men's Conference through May 17. The church is located at 2931 James Road.  
**May 27**  
Tickets for JoyFest '06, a gospel showcase of praise and song, are currently on sale.

The concert is scheduled to take place at the Paladium Amphitheatre at Paramount's Carowinds. The concert features Stellar Award winner Deitrick Haddon. Also appearing are Tye Tribbett & Greater Anointing, Cross Movement and Serenity, a gospel group out of Charlotte.  
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