**The Resurrection of Jesus – History, Apologetics and Polemics**

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**Four sessions**

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One of the oldest Christian creeds is: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." The belief in the Resurrection of Jesus was the seed that ultimately grew into modern Christianity. But what are its origins? Were ancient Christians unified in their Resurrection proclamation or were there other, competing beliefs? Other topics for discussion are: What is the oldest account of the Resurrection? Do the four canonical gospels agree in their telling of the Resurrection? Were other stories written about the Resurrection after the gospels? Who claims to have seen Jesus first and how long did the Resurrection appearances last? Familiarity with the New Testament would be helpful, but not necessary.

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