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Sunday Lecture Series

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SCHEDULE

Sundays || 10:10–10:50 AM || Fellowship Hall

March 8–29

The Greatest Story Ever Retold

Dr. John Dunne

Ph.D., University of St. Andrews

Associate Professor of N.T., Bethel Seminary

INTRODUCTION



Whenever we read the Gospels, we inevitably visualize the story. This makes us much more like the directors of “Jesus films” than we might realize. In this series, Dr. Dunne highlights the main emphasis of a new book he

has co-authored, *The Greatest Story Ever Retold*, to highlight the under-explored hermeneutical implications of internal visualization, using film as an external reference point.

SPEAKER BIO

One of Dr. Dunne’s passions is to highlight the significance of popular culture for shaping our worldview. He has researched and written about TV, film, and literature from his vantage point as a biblical scholar. “Jesus films” uniquely combine his interests and academic training, since Jesus is the main subject of film going back to its inception at the end of the 19th century and on to the present day.

April 12–19

Integrating Faith, Work, and Knowledge

Hannah Rasmussen and Students

*Graduate & Faculty Christian Fellowship at U of M
InterVarsity Campus Minister*

INTRODUCTION



The Creator gave us work and called it good—yet the fall has made our work toilsome. Still, as Christians we’re

called to redeem all areas considering the hope of a new creation. Hear how graduate students integrate their vocation, academic work, and the pursuit of knowledge with this biblical story. Come discover a broader vision for God’s work in the world!

SPEAKER BIO

Hannah Rasmussen, M.Div., is a Campus Staff Minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship’s ministry to graduate students and faculty at the University of Minnesota. Integration is one of IVCF’s core values. During this series, you’ll get a sneak preview of what these students will present to their peers on campus at their annual integration symposium!

April 26—May 10

Experiencing the Psalms through Text/Image/Reading

Dr. Wayne Roosa

*Professor of Art History Emeritus
Bethel University*

INTRODUCTION



In these sessions, we will spend time in the Psalms, reading them as scriptural text and poetry, and seeing them as visual images. The Psalms were often illustrated by Medieval artists for Prayer Books and Devotionals,

linking image and word. Dr. Roosa will draw from a new resource, “Visual Commentary on Scripture” (thevcs.org), and attendees are encouraged to explore this website for their own devotions before our sessions begin.

SPEAKER BIO

Dr. Roosa has had a life-long interest in artmaking, poetry, faith, and theology—grounding his scholarship and teaching for many decades. Now he is a full-time artist and art writer, and his love continues to be teaching and mentoring students in art. He has been a member of Salem since 1984.