

**Theology 2: Christ and the Church**  
**Class 4: Jesus Mission Within History**

1. Recap: Building our Christology

The Human Jesus is the revealer of the Divine

Christology from both "Above" and "Below"

2. The Quest for the Historical Jesus

What happened to Jesus happened in \_\_\_\_\_ in the context of an \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, during a time when His people were both looking for the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and despairing that it hadn't come yet.

3. Discussion: The Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:28-41)

What were the expectations of the crowds watching Jesus enter Jerusalem?

How did Jesus' expectations differ from theirs?

How would you describe, in a few sentences, who Jesus was, what he taught, and what He accomplished?

Is it possible that this is a reduction of what Jesus had in mind?

4. Wright's Way Out of The Reduction of the Faith: the Jesus of History

Read the section out of Wright "Simply Jesus," pp. 4-5. What are your thoughts?

The Method: Learning to understand Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ understood  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. An Introduction to Wright's Thinking & Method

### "Election & Eschaton"

Election- The choosing of Israel

Eschaton- The climax of Israel's story

### Framing Jesus' historical situation within Israel's Election and Eschaton

Israel's "Theological Exile"

Reframing the Kingdom of God

Effects on the Political situation of Israel

### Shedding new light on Jesus

Repentance (Mark 1)

The Sermon on the Mount (Matt 4-7)

The Ascension (Acts 1)