

The “Violentization” of Jesus

Session 7



“God without you won't; you without God can't.”

(Archbishop Desmond TuTu)

Chapter One

1. Why is it important to acknowledge the tension between the Biblical “express trains” on two different tracks and the symbol of the slain lamb “leading the troops”?
2. What does Crossan mean by the “heartbeat of the Bible”?
3. Describe some examples of “assertion and subversion” in the Torah

Chapter Two

1. What does the “violentization” of Jesus look like?
2. Describe the process of ideological violence moving to rhetorical violence moving to physical violence.
3. In your setting, what would “being bilingual” look like? Give an example.

Chapter Three

1. Give some examples of Jesus becoming “steadily nastier.”
2. Has Matthew changed his Jesus or did Jesus change his mind?
3. How do you see the “paradigm shift” Crossan speaks of altering your task as a follower of Jesus?

Chapter Four

1. How would you describe the meanings of the words “parousia” and “apentesis”?
2. What is the context of “Paul’s brilliant idea”?