Day 3 · Saturday, Nov 14

FINAL THOUGHTS

9:45 God Coming in Power to Rule.
The Kingdom of God as Core of Jesus' Message
A.Puig i Tàrrech, AVEPRO, Italy

10:30 Break

10:45 The Resurrection According to History: Can we Really Say Nothing About It?
M. Rastoin, Facultés Loyola, France & Pontifical Biblical Institute, Italy.

11:30 Concluding Remarks

12:30 Pranzo

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Day 1 · Thursday, Nov 12

METHODOLOGY AND HERMENEUTICS

8:45 Opening Remarks

9:00 Beyond the Third quest: Recent Trends in the Study of the Historical Jesus
B. Schliesser, Universität Bern, Switzerland

9:45 From Possible to Probable: Criteria for the Quest of the Historical Jesus
J.M. Granados, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Italy.

10:30 Break

11:00 "Why the Road Lies Long and Dusty." Hermeneutical and Historical-Theoretical Approaches in Jesus Research Since John P. Meier's A Marginal Jew
C. Jacobi, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany.

12:30 Pranzo

THE GEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT GALILEE AND JERUSALEM

14:00 "For Now we See in a Mirror, Dimly": Understanding the Galilean Jesus through the Lens of Ancient Synagogues and the Gospel of Matthew
A.Runesson, University of Oslo, Norway.

14:45 From the Margins to the Center: John Meier's Jesus in Jerusalem
A. Giambrone, École biblique et archéologique de Jérusalem, Israel.

15:30 Break

THE SOCIAL CONTEXT· JESUS WITHIN JUDAISM

16:00 Was Jesus a "Marginal Jew"? Reflections on John Meier's Concept and the "Jesus within Judaism" Perspective
J.Schröter, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

16:45 Jesus, the Essenes, and the work of John P. Meier: Some Afterthoughts
K. Berthelot, Centre national de la recherche scientifique [CNRS], France.

Day 2 · Friday, Nov 13

9:00 The Quest for the Historical Pharisee: A Review on J.P. Meier's Chapter 28 on Jesus and the Pharisees
R. Deines, Internationale Hochschule Liebenzell, Germany.

9:45 Competing Rabbis: Jesus and the Torah Teachers of Torah
Y. Furstenberg, Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel.

10:30 Break

11:00 John Meier, Sex and Gender
A.J. Levine, Vanderbilt University, USA.

MENTOR, MESSAGE AND MIRACLES

11:45 Why is John so Unforgettable? The Memory of the Baptist in the Vita Jesu
S. Butticaz, University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

12:30 Pranzo

14:00 The "Criteria" in John Meier's work in his treatment of the Parables of Jesus
G. Pulcinelli, Lateran University, Italy.

14:45 The "Finger of God", Satan's downfall, and Jesus' Self -Awareness
J.Frey, Universität Zürich, Switzerland.

15:30 Break

16:00 Jesus' Miracles after Meier: The Contibution of the Social Sciences
S. Guijarro, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Italy.