



**The Henrietta Perdue
Memorial Lecture Series**

**Stone Church of Willow Glen
(Presbyterian USA)
1937 Lincoln Avenue
San Jose, CA 95125**

October 22 - 23, 2010

Marcus Borg

Speaking Christian: Redeeming Christian Language

The world-renowned biblical scholar and author, Marcus Borg, explores how important Christian words have lost their meaning and power over the centuries and how their rich, illuminating, and powerful meanings can be redeemed.

An overview lecture, **Redeeming Christian Language**, will be given Friday evening. Three lectures on Saturday then expand and explore the topic in detail:

Beyond Literalism to a Historical and Metaphorical Interpretation of Christian Language. Literalism flattens the meaning of biblical and Christian language and often makes it incredible. Dr. Borg explores the richness of Christian language about God and Jesus.

Beyond Christian Convention to Intention and Practice. Until half a century ago, there was a cultural expectation in most parts of the United States that everybody would be part of a religious community, so many people were members of a church for reasons of convention. That expectation has disappeared. So what does it mean that churches will soon be made up of only intentional and practicing Christians?

Beyond Cultural Convention to Alternative Values and Community. The common Christianity of the near past assumed that Christian values and American cultural values were more or less the same. What does it mean to be an American Christian in a time when the wedding of Christianity and dominant American values has become increasingly problematic?

Marcus Borg is internationally known in both academic and church circles as a biblical and Jesus scholar. He was holder of the Hundere Distinguished Professorship of Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University until his retirement in 2007. He is now Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. A Fellow of the Jesus Seminar, he has been national chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, co-chair of its International New Testament Program Committee, past president of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars and a regular columnist for "Beliefnet."

Dr. Borg is the author of sixteen books, including the best-seller *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (1994), *The God We Never Knew* (1997), *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* (1999), and *God at 2000* (2000). *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* (2001) and *The Heart of Christianity* (2003) have also been "best-sellers." His most recent books are *The Last Week*, co-authored with John Dominic Crossan (2006), *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teaching and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* (2006), *The First Christmas* (2007) and *The First Paul* (2009), both co-authored with Crossan, and *The Gospel of Mark* (2009).

We are privileged to have Dr. Borg at Stone Church after a five year absence.

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Cost: \$20 for the Friday night lecture,
\$30 for the combined Saturday lectures,
or \$40 for the complete program.

Students: \$10 Friday, \$20 Saturday, \$25 complete program

Child care is available upon request;
please indicate need at least two weeks in advance.

Here's how to register

Send registration form, a check, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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allowing plenty of time for the mailing of tickets. Tickets will be held at the door for requests received after October 8.

Alternatively, tickets can be purchased at the Stone Church office (9 am - 1 pm, weekdays) and will also be available at the door.

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- Friday, October 22:
Evening Lecture (8 to 9:30 pm), \$20 -
Redeeming Christian Language
- Saturday, October 23:
Three Lectures, \$30 -
Lecture 1 (9 to 10:30 am) -
**Beyond Literalism to an Historical-
Metaphorical Interpretation of Scripture**
Lecture 2 (11 to 12:30 pm) -
**Beyond Christian Convention to
Intention and Practice**
Lecture 3 (2 pm to 3:30 pm) -
**Beyond Cultural Convention to
Alternative Values and Community**
- Combined Friday and Saturday, \$40

FINDING STONE CHURCH



The Stone Church of Willow Glen is located at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Clark Way, approximately three miles south of downtown San Jose.

From **Freeway 880**, exit east on Hamilton (which becomes Pine) to Lincoln, turn right.

From **Freeway 280**, exit on Bird, go south to Willow, right on Willow, left on Lincoln.

From **Guadalupe Freeway 87 south**, exit on Alma (which becomes Minnesota), go west to Lincoln, turn left.

From **Guadalupe Freeway 87 north**, exit on Curtner, go west to Lincoln, turn right.

Stone Church does not have a parking lot. Visitors will need to allow time to find parking on the neighborhood streets.

For further information, contact:
Stone Church Office (408) 269-1593, or
Patrick Magee, Henrietta Perdue Memorial
Lecture Coordinator