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Ehrman is the author or editor of 30 books, including five *New York Times* bestsellers: *Misquoting Jesus*; *God's Problem: How the Bible Fails to Answer Our Most Important Question – Why We Suffer*; *Jesus Interrupted*; *Forged: Why the Bible's Authors Are Not Who We Think They Are*; and *How Jesus Became God*.

### **“Did the Early Christians Forget Jesus?**

#### **Eyewitnesses, Oral Traditions, and Distorted Memories.”**

Scholars of memory in such fields as cognitive psychology (personal memories), sociology (collective memory), and anthropology (oral cultures) have shown how people remember, misremember, forget, and invent memories. Such studies can help us better understand the Gospels of the New Testament as guides to the life of the historical Jesus. Do any of the stories about Jesus represent “false memories”?

Thursday March 23, 7:30 PM, Binghamton University Vestal Campus, Engineering Building (EB)  
Lecture Hall B110 (first floor southeast end of the building)

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