

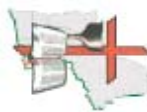
**Come and explore the critical question, Who is Jesus? with Dr. Ben Witherington, III.**

In this day and age, everyone seems to have something to say about Jesus and it is easy for someone to be become very confused about who He is. If we talk to a Buddhist or Hindu, they may acknowledge Jesus as a great holy man or enlightened teacher, but nothing more. Most Jews may concede that Jesus may have been a revolutionary rabbi, but clearly not Israel's promised Messiah. A Muslim will have great respect for Jesus as a prophet, but will deny that he was ever executed on a cross.

Many biblical and theological scholars have not helped the situation very much by publishing numerous books in recent years, providing a myriad of viewpoints, some troubling, some puzzling, which tend to regard Jesus as a teaching sage, a religious genius, or a social revolutionary. In contrast, Christians claim that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God, Lord and Savior.

At the same time, the popular media seems to enjoy exploiting this great disparity of opinions and belittling those who have strong views about the uniqueness and exclusivity of Jesus Christ. In this kind of environment, it is very understandable why the un-churched and even some members of our churches can become skeptical, uninterested, and indifferent to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"

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Jesus Christ  
as  
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# **RENEWAL 2006**

**Conference  
for  
New England United Methodists**



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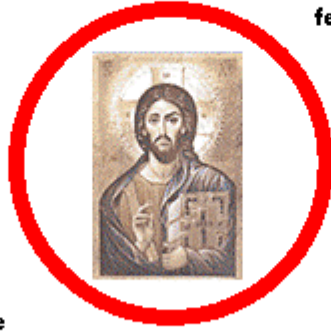
***The Best Western Executive Court Inn***  
**Manchester, New Hampshire**  
**March 31 & April 1, 2006**

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**Evangelical Renewal Fellowship**  
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United Methodist Church



## Our Feature Topic and Speaker

Today Jesus is used to prop up many causes and interests in the church and this has caused confusion among both our clergy and our laity. Sometimes he is portrayed as a liberator, a mystic, or a charismatic teacher. Every vision of Jesus has its consequences in how discipleship is lived out and often divides us as God's people. Who is the Jesus of the Bible and what does it mean to follow him? We have invited Dr. Ben Witherington, III help us think



*Jesus is Son,  
Savior, and Lord!*

through and understand this vital issue in the church. Dr. Witherington is a United Methodist serving as a professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary and the author of *The Jesus Quest* (IVP 1995). He is a prolific writer and speaker and a graduate of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

### Conference Friday Evening Schedule

Friday evening at 7 p.m. is the board meeting for ERF. All members of ERF are members of the board. Anyone may attend the board meeting, but only members may vote. The board meeting will consist of prayer, hearing reports from ERF leaders, and goal setting for the future.

### Conference Saturday Schedule

7:30—Registration opens  
8:00—Breakfast and conversation with Bishop Peter Weaver.  
9:15—Opening  
9:30—Plenary (Dr. Ben Witherington)  
11:30—Fellowship Lunch  
12:30—Plenary (Dr. Ben Witherington)  
2:30—Closing  
2:45—Depart

### Accommodations

The conference will take place at the Best Western Executive Court Inn and Conference Center in Manchester, New Hampshire. The conference center is located at 13500 South Willow Street which is 3 miles west on Route 28 off exit 5 on Interstate 93. If you would like to stay there overnight on Friday, they are offering a special rate of \$89 per room if you tell them you are a part of the Renewal 2006 conference. They may be reached at 1-877-627-2525.

### Purpose

The purpose of the RENEWAL conference sponsored by the Evangelical Renewal Fellowship is to provide fellowship, encouragement, and vision for United Methodists in New England.

### Membership

To become or continue to be a member of ERF, a fee of \$ 20 per family is due by June 1, 2006

## Registration and Fees

(Prices are per person)

- Conference Registration:
  - Friday Evening \$ 5.00
  - Saturday \$25.00
- Breakfast with Bishop \$10.00
- Fellowship Lunch \$15.00

### FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Friday Evening No. of People \_\_\_ times \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Saturday People \_\_\_ times \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Breakfast with the Bishop People \_\_\_ times \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Fellowship Lunch People \_\_\_ times \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Extra Gift to ERF = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Early Registration Deduction

[deduct \$10/person (\$15/person if ERF members)  
if postmarked by Feb 15] \$(\_\_\_\_\_)  
Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Evangelical Renewal Fellowship and send to Rev. Lloyd Leeman, PO Box 411, Farmington, ME 04938.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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For more conference information, check the ERF web site at [www.RenewNE.org](http://www.RenewNE.org) or call Tom Bentum at 1-603-788-2734 or email him at [TBentum@clergy.net](mailto:TBentum@clergy.net)