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Day 1 • Thursday, Nov 12	Day 2 • Friday, Nov 13	Day 3 • Saturday, Nov 14
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.	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. Buttica, 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.	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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