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#### John Dickson Foundational

John is the Rector of St Andrew's Roseville, a published author and busy Christian speaker.

John focuses on the big ideas that have shaped our world and is committed to delivering creative, engaging content grounded in careful thought. He lives with his wife and three children in Sydney's North Shore.

#### A doubter's guide to Jesus

Abstract: Our best information points not to a tidy, monolithic Jesus, but to a complex, multi-layered and, at times, contradictory figure. While some might be troubled by this, fearing that plurality equals incomprehensibility or unreliability, others take it as an invitation to do some rearranging for themselves, trying to make Jesus neater, more systematic and digestible.

Jesus is destined to stretch our imaginations, confront our beliefs, and challenge our lifestyles for many years to come.



#### Simon Smart Missional

Simon is Executive Director of the Centre for Public Christianity and author.

Simon lives on Sydney's Northern Beachers. He is a sports tragic and an enthusiastic but inept surfer. He has two teenaged children who still don't mind being seen with him in public!

#### It's a girl! Is the Christian gospel good news for women?

Abstract: Early Christianity was mocked as a religion of women and slaves – that is to say, not to be taken seriously. But Christianity is much more likely to be condemned today, not for being a religion for women, but a religion against women. If gender equality mattered to the early church, what happened to it? What does Christianity's chequered treatment of women mean for its credibility today? And is the Christian faith a force for the oppression of women, or for their flourishing?



#### Patricia Weerakoon Topical

Trained in Medicine and Sexology, Patricia is an honorary senior lecturer with Sydney University. She has more than 30 years of experience as a sex educator, researcher and therapist. Patricia regularly speaks at schools, churches and conferences, sharing her passion for sexual health.

## Sex: What has God got to do with it?

Abstract: In our world, sex is a commodity to be shared at the swipe of your IPhone and viewed on explicit porn sites. What makes you vulnerable to the peer pressure of your generation? Does God have anything to say about sex? Is it possible to live a countercultural lifestyle and be happy? Explore the challenges of living in a supersexualised cyber world. Come and be challenged as Patricia explores God's plan for sex and relationships.

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