



**St Mark's CRC**  
Centre for Radical Christianity

Invites you to its Spring Conference

**CHRISTIAN BEGINNINGS:  
Why Jesus didn't die out,  
with Gerd Lüdemann**



**Saturday 11 May 2013**

10.00 am — 4.00 pm (9.15 am Coffee and Registration)

Non-members £15, CRC/PCN Members £13, Students £5

St Marks Church, Broomhill, Sheffield

## Introducing the Conference

There can be few more demanding issues for CRC to engage with than the topic of this conference and there can be few individuals more qualified to lead our thinking than the designated speaker.

St Mark's Centre for Radical Christianity is delighted to announce that Gerd Lüdemann, a distinguished scholar of the New Testament and early Christian origins with an international reputation, has agreed to address this vitally important topic.

It is one thing for liberal, progressive approaches to abandon traditional explanations of the birth of Christianity; it is quite another to offer a plausible and persuasive alternative. In a string of well-researched and eminently readable publications, translated into English by the late John Bowden, Director of SCM Press, Professor Lüdemann has risen to the challenge.

No stranger to controversy, Gerd, currently Professor Emeritus of History and Literature of Early Christian at Georg-August-University Göttingen, Germany, will present the fruits of a lifetime's research to help us understand why the faith of a crucified Galilean in the first century became good news for much of the inhabited world.

With excellent English and an unsurpassed expertise in ancient sources and leading-edge research methodology, this promises to be one of CRC's most radical conferences to date.

Amongst his many publications, the following are of particular relevance for this conference: *The Resurrection of Jesus* (1994); *What Really Happened to Jesus?* (1995); *Heretics: The Other Side of Early Christianity* (1996); *Jesus' Resurrection: Fact or Figment? - A Debate Between William Lane Craig and Gerd Lüdemann* (2000); *Jesus after 2000 Years* (2000); *Primitive Christianity: A Survey of Recent Studies and Some New Proposals* (2003); *The Acts of the Apostles: What Really Happened in the Earliest Days of the Church* (2005).

## Bookstall & Library

A wide range of books will be available for purchase at the conference. The CRC library will also be open for browsing and borrowing.

**BOOKING FORM**  
**SATURDAY 11 MAY 2013**  
**St Mark's CRC Spring Conference**

**Conference places**

Please accept my booking for the following places:

..... Non-Members (£15)    ..... CRC/PCN (£13)    ..... Students (£5).

Cost of conference places: £.....

**Packed Lunches**

We have arranged with a local supplier for the delivery of packed lunches. They cost £4.50 for a sandwich, cake and fruit. If you would like to order a lunch, please indicate below and enclose the appropriate money.

Please book the following lunches for me/my group:

*White bread*    Chicken .....    Tuna .....    Cheese .....

                    Egg .....                      Roasted vegetables .....

*Brown bread*    Chicken .....    Tuna .....    Cheese .....

                    Egg .....                      Roasted vegetables .....

Cost of lunches: £ .....

**Please find enclosed a cheque for conference places and lunches,  
made payable to 'St Mark's CRC', for the sum of .....**

**Offers of help**

I am / we are happy to help serve refreshments on the day  (please tick)

**Enquiries**

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Please fill in your name(s) and address(es) and provide contact details for ALL delegates attending in your party *(please use additional paper if necessary)*.

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**Name 3** .....

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**Please send this completed booking form and your payment to:**

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**We will confirm your booking by e-mail or by phone if you do not have an e-mail address.**