## DVDs that may be of interest before and during Lent

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AMENA BROWN: HE IS HERE (101066) Author: Brown, Amena. In these spoken Word pieces, Amena Brown, writer, poet, and spoken-word performer, blends her poetic talent with her passion for God. Four DVD segments: 1) He is Here -- an encouraging reminder that no matter where we are, God is with us (2 min.); 2) Masterpiece -- proclaiming God as Creator of all (2 min.); 3) Psalm 139 -- the timeless truth that God is always with us (2 min.); 4) Resurrection -- a creative expression of God's salvation plan for all (3 min.). Each of the four performances can be viewed with or without background music track. Includes bonus: behind the scenes segment (2 min.). Age: High school - Adult. 9 Minutes.

**CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER** (103034) Author: Brickner, David. David Brickner, executive director of Jews for Jesus, demonstrates the Passover seder before a live audience. Learn the Hebrew names and meanings of each element and discover the connection between Passover and Christian Communion. Also includes the sights and sounds of a Jewish family's Passover celebration. Age: Adult. 40 Minutes.

**CROSS OF CHRIST (103036)** Author: Rolheiser, Ron. Through Scripture and examples from life, Fr. Ron Rolheiser gives new insight into the cross and what it has to teach us as Christians. Part 1: The cross reveals God's unconditional love. It allows God to descend into hell. What does this say about the limits of God's forgiveness and love? The cross reveals that vulnerability is the path to intimacy. How does this impact my image of God? (55 min.). Part 2: The wisdom of the cross teaches us that there is a connection between suffering and a coming into glory. How can I carry the cross without being resentful in life, love, and sacrifice? What will I give over freely? (50 min.). Includes guide. Age: Adult. 105 Minutes.

**DEALING WITH DOUBT: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE RESURRECTION (104028)** Author: Habermas, Gary. Dr. Gary Habermas confirms the validity of the resurrection and explains how its truth can be applied to every area of life. Using 1 Corinthians 15, he explains how the resurrection is the central point of Christianity -- with the resurrection we have everything, without it we have nothing. He presents new evidence for the resurrection that is currently accepted in secular scholarly circles. Includes guide. Church Communication Network (CCN) broadcast date: June 5, 2008. Age: Adult. 60 Minutes.

**DRIVE THRU HISTORY: JERUSALEM TO CALVARY (104070)** Author: Stotts, Dave. Volume 4: Temple, Cross, and the Empty Tomb. Join host Dave Stotts as he speeds through the ancient world of the Bible. He delivers a fast--paced and even humorous encounter with the people, places, and events that have shaped our world and the Christian faith. Three 27-minute episodes per DVD: 10) Temple Mount and the story of Stephen; 11) 'The City of David,' Hezekiah's Tunnel, Pool of Siloam; Pool of Bethesda; 12) Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, trial of Jesus, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Pharisees and Saducees. Includes guide with Scripture references and discussion questions. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 81 Minutes.

**FISH EYES LIVE (106021)** Author: Swartz, Ted and Eshleman, Lee. These humorous skits help you see Bible events in a new way: Cana Wedding Receiving Line (4 min.); Cana Wedding Reception (3 min.); Nicodemus (5 min.); Feeding of the Five Thousand (10 min.); Woman Caught in Adultery (6 min.); The Last Supper Footwashing (6 min.); The Arrest of Jesus (4 min.); Peter's Denials (3 min.); Breakfast on the Beach (9 min.). Age: Middle school - Adult. 50 Minutes.

GOOD GOD THEATER, ACT 2: NEW TESTAMENT (107042) Author: Ted & Company TheaterWorks. Sixteen humorous skits help you see Bible events in a new way: Gabriel's Announcement (15 min.); Temptation (7 min.); The Call (6 min.); Feeding 5,000 (11 min.); Sermon on the Mount (9 min.); Don't Tell Anyone (5 min.); Last Supper (9 min.); Arrest and Denial (7 min.); Breakfast on the Beach (13 min.); Pentecost (6 min.); Larry the Lame Guy (4 min.); Peter's Vision (6 min.); Philip and the Ethiopian (5 min.); Jerusalem Council (7 min.); Paul in Prison (10 min.); Don't Be Afraid (8 min.). Includes guide. Age: Middle school - Adult. 128 Minutes.

GREAT FIGURES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT: PART 2 (107049) Author: Levine, Amy-Jill. 12 lectures, each 30 minutes long: 1) Pharisees and Sadducees; 2) The Herodians; 3) Judas Iscariot; 4) Pontius Pilate; 5) James; 6) Stephen; 7) Philip; 8) The Centurions; 9) Paul, the hero of Acts; 10) Paul, the epistolary evangelist; 11) Jesus of Nazareth; 12) The Christ of faith. Includes lecture transcript and course guidebook. NOT FOR USE IN CLASSROOM SETTING; can be used for teacher prep and personal viewing only. Age: Adult. 360 Minutes.

HISTORICAL JESUS: PART 2 (108027) Author: Ehrman, Bart. 12 lectures, each 30 minutes long: 1) Jesus and Roman rule; 2) Jesus the apocalyptic Prophet; 3) The apocalyptic teachings of Jesus; 4) Other teachings of Jesus in their apocalyptic context; 5) The deeds of Jesus in their apocalyptic context; 6) Still other words and deeds of Jesus; 7) The controversies of Jesus; 8) The last days of Jesus; 9) The last hours of Jesus; 10) The death and resurrection of Jesus; 11) The afterlife of Jesus; 12) The Prophet of the new millennium. Includes lecture transcript and course guidebook. NOT FOR USE IN CLASSROOM SETTING; can be used for teacher prep and personal viewing only. Age: Adult. 360 Minutes.

HOLY LAND REVEALED: PART 2 (108041) Author: Magness, Jodi. 18 lectures, each 30 minutes long: 1) Herod as builder -- Jerusalem's Temple Mount; 2) Caesarea Maritima -- harbor and showcase city; 3) From Herod's last years to Pontius Pilate; 4) Galilee -- setting of Jesus's life and ministry; 5) Synagogues in the time of Jesus; 6) Sites of the trial and final hours of Jesus; 7) Early Jewish tombs in Jerusalem; 8) Monumental tombs in the time of Jesus; 9) The burials of Jesus and James; 10) The first Jewish revolt -- Jerusalem destroyed; 11) Masada -- Herod's desert palace and the siege; 12) Flavius Josephus and the mass suicide; 13) The second Jewish revolt against the Romans; 14) Roman Jerusalem -- Hadrian's Aelia Capitolina; 15) Christian emperors and pilgrimage sites; 16) Judaism and synagogues under Christian rule; 17) Islam's transformation of Jerusalem; 18) What and how archaeology reveals. Includes transcript book. NOT FOR USE IN CLASSROOM SETTING; can be used for teacher prep and personal viewing only. Age: Adult. 540 Minutes.

**IN REMEMBRANCE (109022)** Their darkest night together is recreated by the disciples of Jesus as they share their fears, doubts, loves, and loneliness in recounting their last supper and the meaning of Christ in their lives. Age: Middle school - Adult. 30 Minutes.

**JEWS AND CHRISTIANS: A JOURNEY OF FAITH (110005)** This DVD explores the common beliefs, traditions, and rituals shared by Judaism and Christianity and examines how contemporary Jews and Christians perceive each other, confront prejudice and stereotypes, and how they can understand and respect one another despite their differences. One eight-minute segment, 'Passover, Easter and Eucharist,' would be appropriate for use during Lent. Includes leader's guide. Age: Adult. 117 Minutes.

**LAST SUPPER** (112027) This DVD emphasizes both Christian tradition and Jewish roots as it explores the recipes and courses served at the Seder meal. Filmed and dramatized in the Holy Land and the Middle East, the video is accompanied with a recipe booklet. DVD chapters: Why this night is different; Journey to Jerusalem; Arrangements for the Seder dinner; Traditional foods of the Seder; Jerusalem -- customs and changes; Symbolism; The Cenacle (Upper Room); The First Communion. Includes Spanish soundtrack option. Age: Middle school - Adult. 58 Minutes.

**MATTHEW: THE VISUAL BIBLE (113011)** Actor Richard Kiley is Matthew, telling this New International translation of the first gospel. This 2-DVD set allows you to search by event or chapter. Includes English and Spanish language tracks. CLOSED CAPTIONED (English only). Age: Middle school - Adult. 240 Minutes.

**PASSION:** A SANDSTORY PRESENTATION (116067) Author: Castillo, Joe. In this dynamic visual experience with a music soundtrack, Joe Castillo tells the Easter story in a series of scenes created by manipulating black sand on a colored lightboard. Age: High school - Adult. 19 Minutes.

PASSION OF CHRIST (116032) Author: Rolheiser, Ron. Through Scripture and examples from life, Fr. Ron Rolheiser gives new insight into Jesus' passion and what it has to teach us as Christians. Part 1: The Passion of Christ refers to Jesus' passivity, not to his physical suffering and death. After a life of activity, now Jesus is passive and things are done to him. In what way does this change or deepen my understanding of Jesus and his passion? How do I react when I feel powerless? How can I live so that my death can be a blessing for my family and friends? (40 min.). Part 2: In the Agony in the Garden, Jesus was "a stone's throw away" from his disciples. That is, he was experiencing that loneliness in which the deepest part of us is alone. What in my life helps me to understand him in this experience? (49 min.). Includes guide. Age: Adult. 89 Minutes.

**PRAYERS OF JESUS** (116036) Six In-Depth DVD Studies Connecting the Bible to Life. Each session includes an introduction filmed in Israel and three video teaching segments (for a total of approx. 26 minutes of video per session). Sessions: 1) Watch and pray: Jesus' model prayer life (Mk. 1:32-39; 9:9-29; 14:32-42); 2) Our God listens: The persistent widow (Lk. 18:1-8); 3) Joining in Jesus' prayer: The Lord's prayer (Mt. 6:9-13); 4) Praying to a good God: The friend at midnight (Lk. 11:5-13); 5) Praying with purpose: Jesus' final prayer (Jn. 17); 6) A friend in high places: Faith, prayer, and answers (Jn. 14:13-14). Part of the "Deeper Connections" series. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Adult. 156 Minutes.

**ROAD TO EMMAUS** (118029) This drama recreates the Road to Emmaus experience. Mourning the death of Jesus, two first-century travelers are joined on the road by a stranger. As they walk, the stranger reveals mysteries hidden in the ancient Scriptures. The purpose of Jesus' life becomes clear and, at the evening meal, the travelers' sadness turns to great joy. They hurry back to Jerusalem, where Jesus rejoins them, showing himself alive to the gathered disciples. Includes English and Spanish language tracks. Age: Middle school - Adult. 30 Minutes.

SAVING JESUS (119050) A 12-Session Small Group DVD-Based Exploration of Jesus Christ for the Third Millennium. Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right? This study, featuring a variety of religious voices (some controversial), discusses the following topics: 1) Jesus through the ages and across cultures (25 min.); 2) Who was Jesus? (19 min.); 3) What can we know about Jesus (and how) (21 min.); 4) The world into which Jesus was born (19 min.); 5) Jesus' birth: incarnation (21 min.); 6) Teachings of Jesus: wisdom tradition (24 min.); 7) Jesus' program: the Kingdom of God (17 min.); 8) Jesus' ministry of compassion (20 min.); 9) Killing Jesus, part one: who killed Jesus? (19 min.); 10) Killing Jesus, part two: the atonement (21 min.); 11) The resurrection of Christ (22 min.); 12) Why Jesus is worth saving (23 min.). Also includes a 9-minute overview segment. Contributors include Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, James Forbes, John Shelby Spong, Helen Prejean, and others. The basic format for each weekly 60 to 90 minute session includes conversation around the readings, a 20-minute (approx.) DVD segment, and guided discussion. Kit includes two DVDs, a CD-ROM with print material, and a binder of materials printed from the CD-ROM. Age: Adult. 260 Minutes.

**SERIOUS ANSWERS TO HARD QUESTIONS: TEN THEOLOGIANS CONFRONT TEN CHALLENGES TO FAITH (119122)** Sessions and presenters: 1 )Evil--R. Kendall Soulen; 2) Religion and Science--John Polkinghorne; 3) Other Religions--Sathianathan Clarke; 4) Evangelism and Tolerance--Scott Jones; 5) The God of the Old Testament--Amy-Jill Levine; 6) Jesus and Christianity--Richard B. Hays; 7) Resurrection--N. T. Wright; 8) The Gnostic Gospels--Ben Witherington; 9) The Sins of the Church--Douglas M. Strong; 10) Forgiveness--L. Gregory Jones. DVD segments are approx. 30 minutes each. Includes leader's guide and sample participant's guide. Up to six copies of the participant's guide are also available to borrow (#912015). This is an outstanding introductory-level course that appeals to a very wide audience. Each lesson is freestanding, so it is easy to adapt the course to your particular needs. This is a great starter course that encourages a lot of lively discussion. Age: Adult. 300 Minutes.

STORY OF LENT: SPEED SKETCH BIBLE STORIES (119137) This DVD contains six Bible stories told in 'speed sketch' style which are appropriate for use with all ages. Each story is told in two versions: 1) an easy-to-understand narrated paraphrase; 2) narrated directly from the NIV 1984 translation of the Bible. Likewise, each story in both forms is available with either English or Spanish audio. Stories (paraphrase time/NIV scripture time): 1) Nicodemus (5 min./3 min.); 2) Triumphal entry (5 min./2 min.); 3) The Last Supper (4 min./2 min.); 4) Gethsemane (4 min./2 min.); 5) Crucifixion (4 min./6 min.); 6) Resurrection (4 min./2 min.). Lesson plans and coloring pages are available online at https://www.wesleyan.org/2668/speed-sketch-bible-stories. Age: All.

**STORY OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES (119003)** This documentary on the lives of the apostles of Jesus Christ provides a look at the untold stories of those chosen to bring God's plan to the world. From early messianic politics, to the shock of the crucifixion, resurrection, pentecost, and life as the early church, to final acceptance of their mission to spread the good news of the Gospel throughout the known world of their time. It is an inspiring story that continues to revolutionize the world today. Age: Middle school - Adult. 100 Minutes.

**TRUE EASTER STORY, THE PROMISE KEPT (120018)** Author: Vander Laan, Ray. This DVD reveals insights making the events of Easter meaningful, including the link between Jesus' death at 3 p.m. and the Jewish religious tradition, Jesus' burial in a stone tomb--a custom usually reserved for wealthy citizens, the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in every aspect of Jesus' death and resurrection, and the significance of the cup Jesus offered His disciples at the Last Supper (21 min.). Additional 'Lamb of God' segment discusses Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week (22 min.). Also includes a short segment 'Hebrew Thinking' (3 min.) CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Middle school - Adult. 46 Minutes.

**VICTORY AT JERUSALEM (122006)** Author: Kelly, Ronald. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this DVD tells the story of the most important event in all of human history -- the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join pastor Ronald Kelly as he retraces the sites and events of Christ's last days. Age: Middle school - Adult. 70 Minutes.