

Beholding the Lamb, Being Held by the Shepherd:

Exploring the Question of Suffering in the Gospel of John

Class meets each Sunday at 9 AM
Feb 12 - March 25

February 12: Answering the Question of
Suffering (John 9:1-7; 38-41)

February 19: Throwing Branches in the Fire:
Confronting Anti-Judaism in John and Anti-
Semitism in Church (John 15:1-11)

February 26: Beholding the Lamb
(John 1:1-42)

March 4: Being Held by the Shepherd
(John 11:17-37)

March 11: Responding to Human Violence
(John 2:13-22)

March 18: Lifting Up the Serpent in the
Wilderness (John 3:14-21)

March 25: Gathering the Winnowed
Community (John 12: 20-33)

April 6 (Good Friday): Receiving the Hyssop
(John 18:1-19:42)



St. Clement of Alexandria called the Gospel of John the “spiritual Gospel.” This Lent, explore the riches of the spiritual Gospel with Christian Spirituality PhD student Daniel London at 9 AM each Sunday. Our reading of the Gospel will show God’s pastoral response to the question of theodicy: “If God is all-loving and all-powerful, then why is our world full of suffering?” The philosophy of French anthropologist Rene Girard, post-Holocaust theology and Wisdom Literature will help us investigate and appreciate the “pastoral theodicy” presented in the Gospel. The class will include lessons, discussions, and the contemplative reading practice of *lectio divina*.

If you have any questions, contact Daniel London at daniel.london@gmail.com