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Bart D. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill), where he taught from 1988 until his retirement in 2025. Ehrman's research and his courses focus on the New Testament, the history of Early Christianity, and the Apostolic Fathers.

Ehrman has written or edited 35 books, six of which have been *New York Times* bestsellers, including *Misquoting Jesus*, *God's Problem*, *Jesus Interrupted*, *How Jesus Became God*, *Forged*, and *The Triumph of Christianity*. *Love Thy Stranger: How the Teachings of Jesus Transformed the Moral Conscience of the West* was published in March 2026 by Simon & Schuster. More than 2 million copies of his books and courses have been sold, and his books have been translated into 27 languages.

Recognized for excellence in teaching and scholarship, Ehrman has received numerous awards, including the Religious Liberty Award from the American Humanist Association and the John William Pope Center Spirit of Inquiry Teaching Award. He was a National Humanities Center Fellow in 2009-2010 and was awarded a Bowman and Gordon Gray Professorship for 1998-2001 at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Misquoting Jesus with Bart Ehrman, his popular weekly podcast with host Megan Lewis, explores lesser-known facts about the New Testament. His daily blog, "The Bart Ehrman Blog: The History & Literature of Early Christianity," has raised a million dollars for charitable organizations. In addition to numerous online courses, he has produced nine acclaimed courses for The Great Courses.

Featured widely in television, radio, and print media, Ehrman has also served as an editor, co-editor, or editor-in-chief for scholarly collections and academic journals such as *Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language*; *New Testament Tools, Studies, and Documents*; and *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, among many others.

After earning a B.A. from Wheaton College in 1978, Ehrman earned a Master of Divinity in 1981 and a doctorate in 1985 from Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to UNC-Chapel Hill, he taught at Princeton Theological Seminary and Rutgers University and has served as an adjunct professor at Duke University.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

BOOK SIGNING

Books will be available for purchase,
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Kinnison on the occasion of his
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mater. An historian himself, Dr.
Kinnison is the author of
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