



Josephus over a manuscript of "The Jewish War" circa 1200.

**LECTURE - BIBLE DEPARTMENT**  
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# SECRECY IN SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM

– *Reading Mark's Messianic Secret With Georg Simmel*

This lecture investigates secrecy as a socio religious and historiographical force within the wider textual world of Second Temple Judaism. It adopts the now increasingly influential view that the New Testament—including the Gospel of Mark—belongs within the Jewish literary and intellectual landscape of the late Second Temple period. This shift permits Mark to be read not against Judaism, but from within its patterns of scriptural imagination, crisis negotiation, and meaning making.



**SPEAKER**

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27TH 2026**

**12:00 – 14:00**

**ROOM 401, WEBB SCHOOL FOR LANGUAGES**

- The lecture will be delivered in English
- The lecture is open to the public
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