

Introducing Diana Butler Bass and Freeing Jesus



Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D., is an award-winning author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality.

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I've learned a great deal from Diana Butler Bass over the years, including from reading her books and articles, listening to her lectures and sermons, and engaging with her directly. She's thrilled that several Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ Small Groups will be studying *Freeing Jesus* this summer.

The picture above was taken in 2014 at Naples United Church of Christ. Diana accepted my invitation to spend Valentine's Day weekend at NUCC, providing some lectures and preaching on Sunday morning. Her theme for the weekend was "The Romance of Faith."

As I've learned from Diana over the years, I've sought to share her work and my reflections on it. You'll find quite a bit on my blog: <https://sowhatfaith.com/> - including:

- [22 Must Read Books](#) – includes *Freeing Jesus AND Christianity After Religion* (January 2022)
- [Great New Books – April 2021 – My Review of Freeing Jesus](#) (April 2021)
- [Top 12 Authors](#) (April 2019)
- [Learning from Diana Butler Bass](#) (February 2014)
- [Review of Christianity After Religion](#) (February 2012)

Freeing Jesus was named [one of the two most impactful books of 2021](#) by So What Faith.

Nearly a decade ago, Diana had a unique encounter with Jesus while in the National Cathedral. For the first time in her life, she heard Jesus speaking directly to her, using five powerful words: "Get me out of here."

Freeing Jesus is an invitation to meet Jesus again for the first time by encountering many Jesuses. Readers, regardless of their location on the theological continuum, will be inspired to get Jesus out of the unhelpful confines they (and/or their tradition) have constructed for him.

Diana Butler Bass reflects on her own experiences of Jesus by rediscovering the Jesuses who had the greatest impact on her life: friend, teacher, Savior, Lord, way, and presence (while also mentioning other, even more personal Jesuses: Lover, Word, Wisdom, and Sustenance).