

His flesh did not see corruption (Acts 2:31): Patristic conceptions of Jesus' body and their foundations in the New Testament

International conference at the University of Siegen
March 19–21, 2025

Wednesday, 19 March

3.00pm Registration and Coffee

Session I (4.00pm–5.50pm)

Chair: Hans-Ulrich Weidemann

4.00pm **Daniel Stein, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy**
Welcome

4.10pm **Hans-Ulrich Weidemann (Siegen)**
Introductory remarks

4.30pm **Jörg Frey (Zürich)**
Sarx and the body of Jesus in the Gospel of John

5.15pm **Michael Magree, SJ (Boston)**
“Transforming into incorruption”: Cyril of Alexandria and the
conquering of death and decay

Thursday, 20 March

Session 2 (9.00am–10.45am)

Chair: Mark Grundeken

9.00am **Ansgar Wucherpennig, SJ (Frankfurt)**
„Er hat Fleisch angenommen wie eine Sandale“: Körperlichkeit Jesu
bei Herakleon

9.35am **Francesca Minonne (Milan)**
Understanding the “inheritance of incorruptibility”: exegetical
approaches in the second and third centuries

10.10am **Joseph Verheyden (Leuven)**
... nor did his flesh see corruption: an exegetical and reception-
historical look at Acts 2:27.31

10.45am Coffee break

Session 3 (11.15am–12.25pm)

Chair: Philip Forness

- 11.15am **Ute Possek (Cambridge, MA)**
Julian of Halicarnassus and Severus of Antioch on incorruptibility and the virgin birth
- 11.50am **Marion Pragt (Leuven)**
“His fear surpassed the measure of human nature”: Syriac commentary traditions on the body of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke
- 12.25pm Lunch

Session 4 (2.00pm–3.10pm)

Chair: Ansgar Wucherpfennig

- 2.00pm **Hermut Löhr (Bonn)**
The body of the heavenly Christ in Hebrews
- 2.35pm **Morwenna Ludlow (Exeter)**
Late antique presentations of Jesus as an embodied speaker: posture, voice and authority
- 3.10pm Coffee break

Session 5 (3.45pm–6.00pm)

Chair: Aho Shemunkasho

- 3.45pm **Nestor Kavvadas (Bonn)**
Henri Grégoire’s ‘Mahomet et le Monophysisme’ revisited: is the Qur’anic portrayal of Jesus responsive to Julianism?
- 4.20pm **Bishop Roger Akhrass (Damascus)**
He will take our diseases and bear our sicknesses (Mt 8:17): questioning Jesus’ ability to experience sickness
- 4.55pm Break

Chair: Morwenna Ludlow

- 5.15pm **Johannes Zachhuber (Oxford)**
Ephraim of Antioch and Leontius of Byzantium on the corruptibility of Christ’s body: Marcel Richard reconsidered

Friday, 21 March

Session 6 (9.00am–10.45am)

Chair: Hermut Löhr

- 9.00am **Mark Grundeken (Freiburg)**
The christological gap in Paul’s use of *aphtharsia*
- 9.35am **Benjamin Gleede (Tübingen)**
Christus als himmlischer Mensch (ἐπουράνιος ἄνθρωπος), oder was sagt uns 1Kor 15,44f. über den Ursprung des Leibes Christi? Die apollinaristische Herausforderung und ihre Bewältigung bei Gregor von Nyssa und Theodor von Mopsuestia

- 10.10am **Theresa Hainthaler (Frankfurt)**
The discussion on the incorruptibility of Jesus' body in North Africa
and the reaction of Fulgentius of Ruspe

10.45am Coffee break

Session 7 (11.15am–12.25pm)

Chair: Theresa Hainthaler

- 11.15am **Barbara Villani (Berlin)**
Elemente einer Anthropologie in Kyrill von Alexandriens Werken zum
Alten Testament

- 11.50am **Andreas Hoffmann (Siegen)**
Infans in carne, iuuenis in carne... (Aug., *Io. eu. tr.* 19,10): Augustinus
zur Leiblichkeit Christi in den Traktaten zum Johannesevangelium

12.25pm Lunch

Session 8 (2.00pm–3.10pm)

Chair: Joseph Verheyden

- 2.00pm **Igor Dorfmann-Lazarev (Sofia)**
The Armenian–Syrian Council of Manzikert (726) and the
incorruptibility of Christ's body

- 2.35pm **Andy Hilken (Wien)**
“On Christ's excretion”: the correspondence between Nerses the
Graceful and Dionysius bar Salibi on (in)corruptibility (c. 1148 CE)

3.10pm Coffee break

Session 9 (3.45pm–6.15pm)

Chair: Francesca Minonne

- 3.45pm **René Roux (Lugano)**
Prinzipien und Wege der dogmatischen Exegese bei Severus von
Antiochia

- 4.20pm **Aho Shemunkasho (Salzburg)**
The reception of the Christological controversy about the corporeality
of Jesus by John of Dara (+ 860)

4.55pm Break

Chair: Philip Forness

- 5.15pm **Lucas Van Rompay ('s-Hertogenbosch, NL)**
Dayr al-Suryan as an anti-Julianist center in Egypt: its history, library,
and art

5.50pm Concluding remarks