

# CROSSAN

**John Dominic Crossan** was born in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1934. He was educated in Ireland at Maynooth College, in Rome at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and in Jerusalem at the Ecole Biblique.

Crossan was a member of the thirteenth-century Roman Catholic religious order, the Servites, from 1950 to 1969 and an ordained priest from 1957 to 1969. He taught at DePaul University for twenty-five years and held distinguished visiting professorships at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts and the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. He has been a guest lecturer at many distinguished universities including the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. He was codirector of the Jesus Seminar from 1985–1996 and chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature from 1992–1998.

He has contributed articles and reviews for dozens of journals and has written more than twenty books over the last thirty years. *The Birth of Christianity* was a *Publishers Weekly* 1998 “Best Book of the Year.” Four recent titles—*The Historical Jesus*; *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography*;

*Who Killed Jesus*; and *The Birth of Christianity*—were national bestsellers for a combined total of twenty-two months. In another recent book, *Excavating Jesus: Beneath the Stones, Behind the Texts*, Crossan joins a brilliant archaeologist to illuminate the life and teaching of Jesus against the background of his world. He has received numerous academic awards over the years, including the American Academy of Religion Award for Excellence in Religious Studies and the Via Sapientiae Award, DePaul University’s highest honor.

The list of his print, radio, and television interviews and reviews takes up over thirteen full pages. Crossan’s interviews include the *New York Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Boston Globe*, National Public Radio’s *Fresh Air*, *Larry King Live*, and the ABC special “The Search for Jesus” with Peter Jennings, which aired on Monday, June 26, 2000. Some of John Dominic Crossan’s other writing can be found at **Beliefnet**. His website is [www.johndominiccrossan.com](http://www.johndominiccrossan.com)

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