

## A New (and Old) Reading of the Political Death of Jesus

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In this lecture, I will introduce several modern, philosophical theories of the political death of Jesus - and some of their antecedents in surviving texts from late antiquity. I will also broadly defend Immanuel Kant's critique of Hermann Samuel Reimarus's theory of the crucifixion - namely, that Jesus was straightforwardly a rebel - and sketch my reasons for siding with Kant, against Reimarus (and his heirs).