



Resurrection by Love: Easter Meditations with the Aramaic Jesus

An Easter Retreat Led by
Neil Douglas-Klotz, PhD

Thurs April 18 - Sunday April 21, 2019

The Bishop's Ranch Retreat Center

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God speaks to the Soul:

When your Easter comes, I shall be all around you,

I shall be through and through you

And I shall steal your body

And give you to your Love.

- Mechtild of Magdeburg, 13th century German mystic

The words of Jesus in Aramaic suggest meditations and spiritual practices that lead us to the door of Love, pointed to in the vision of Mechtild of Magdeburg. Using contemplative prayer, gentle movement, chant, and awareness of the divine breath (*ruha*) that flows through and around us, our hearts and spirits are revived. We then begin to feel our bodies as part of the bread of life and our blood as the essence of forgiveness and releasing, ready to be shared with all of creation.

Throughout the weekend, we will explore the spirituality of Yeshua, the Middle Eastern prophet, through a mixture of teaching, silent meditation, walking meditation, chant, and sacred movement, particularly the Dances of Universal Peace. Neil will draw teachings from all of his books, from *Prayers of the Cosmos* through *Original Meditation*. He will also share from his unpublished work-in-progress on the ancient nomadic spirituality in the Jesus traditions as well as Judaism and Islam. This ancient strain reveals the earliest remembrances of our human ancestors, "messages in a bottle" they left behind to help us better understand ourselves and our world.



Dr. Neil Douglas-Klotz directs the Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning in Scotland and co-founded the Edinburgh International Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace. Past chair of the Mysticism Group of the American Academy of Religion, he has authored many books on Middle Eastern spirituality and peace, including *Prayers of the Cosmos*, *Desert Wisdom*, *The Hidden Gospel*, *The Genesis Meditations*, *The Sufi Book of Life*, and *The Tent of Abraham*. He was named the Kessler-Keener Foundation Peacemaker of the Year in 2005. For more information about his work internationally, visit www.abwoon.org.

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Rates (per person) include all meals, overnight accommodations (except commuters), and all retreat activities:

\$625 double occupancy – 2 people per room

\$575 standard occupancy – 3 to 4 people per room or cottage

(Groups of 5-8 people can arrange for a discounted rate, contact Devi for details)

\$425 commuters or campers (limited campsite availability)

Registration

Please register directly with The Bishop's Ranch:

www.bishopsranch.org/programs-retreats/upcoming-events/

Financial aid and payment plans are available.

Questions

For questions about retreat content, assistance with the registration process, information about single occupancy or camping, details on discounted rates for larger groups, information about ride sharing, or help for those in financial need, please contact

Devi Mathieu, dmathieu@sonic.net, 707-829-0815 or

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Early registration is advised, as space is limited. Registration opens September 1, 2018.

Retreat check-in is 5pm on Thursday, April 18. The program ends Sunday, April 21 shortly before noon, and will be followed by lunch, served at 12:30. Room checkout is 12:30pm Sunday, April 21. Departure by 2pm.

Transportation: The Bishop's Ranch is located about 88 miles north of the San Francisco (SFO) and Oakland (OAK) airports—at least a 2-hour drive, depending on traffic. The Ranch is 16 miles from the Sonoma County airport (STS) in Santa Rosa. For directions and a link to airport shuttle info, visit www.bishopsranch.org/contact/directions/



The Bishop's Ranch is a rural retreat center near the town of Healdsburg, CA, in the heart of Sonoma County's Russian River Valley. It features a beautiful meeting space, comfortable accommodations, excellent food, gorgeous views, and acres of walking trails.