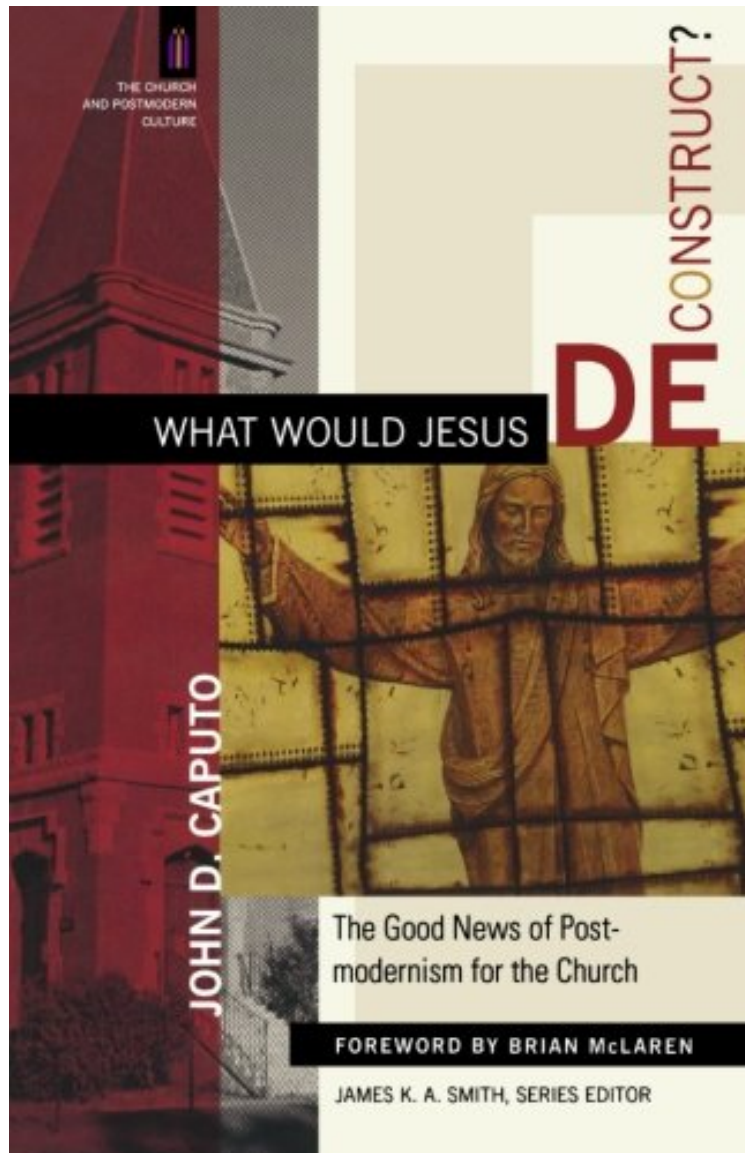


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By Josiah Solis
As a relatively new student of postmodern philosophy, and as someone who is currently falling off the cliff of rightwing evangelicalism, this book found me at a perfect time. With prophetic precision, Caputo humbly deconstructs a church ("Plan B" as he calls it) that should have been torn down long ago. The institution will likely find this work haunting and threatening, but I can only imagine Caputo would take that as a compliment.
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I like Caputo's take on deconstruction as hermeneutics for the kingdom of God. However, I wondered when he asked what would Jesus deconstruct if he actually deconstructed his own Jesus
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I posted a pretty lengthy review of this book on my blog, but here's a little preview:
In *What Would Jesus Deconstruct?*, John Caputo swings his postmodern wrecking ball - deconstruction - against all the cherished forms of religious thought and practice that masquerade as definitive and absolute. Not only is he willing and able to question all representations of statuesque, codified faith, he does so in the name of Christ and claims that his is good news. Caputo presents deconstruction as a loving tool that frees the Church for authentic metanoia - "a fundamental change of heart"[1] - in its own life and ministry. In his words, deconstruction is the "possibility of the impossible" and is therefore the "hermeneutics of the kingdom of God" - a kingdom where the unlovable are loved.[2] While it may seem risky and a little frightening, Caputo believes that the deconstructive way, the *via negativa*, is the only way forward if the Church is to embody the good news of the kingdom of God in our world today. You can read the rest here:[...]

This provocative addition to *The Church and Postmodern Culture* series offers a lively rereading of Charles Sheldon's *In His Steps* as a constructive way forward. John D. Caputo introduces the notion of why the church needs deconstruction, positively defines deconstruction's role in renewal, deconstructs idols of the church, and imagines the future of the church in addressing the practical implications of this for the church's life through liturgy, worship, preaching, and teaching. Students of philosophy, theology, religion, and ministry, as well as others interested in engaging postmodernism and the emerging church phenomenon, will welcome this provocative, non-technical work.

From the Back Cover
Many in the church who are wrestling with ministry in a postmodern era view deconstruction as a negative aspect of the postmodern movement. But John Caputo, one of the leading philosophers of religion in America and a leading voice on religion and postmodernism, sees it differently. In this lively and provocative analysis, he argues that in his own way Jesus himself was a deconstructionist and that applying deconstruction to the church can be a positive move toward renewal. "Caputo brilliantly manages to bring thought to life and life to thought. He wears his learning and scholarship so lightly that one has the impression of returning to a flesh-and-blood world where Jesus deconstructs and reconstructs our lives. Challenging, compassionate, witty, and wise. This book is compulsory reading for anyone concerned about the future of Christianity."--Richard Kearney, Charles Seelig Professor in Philosophy, Boston College
"Let this book settle the debate once and for all: postmodern philosophy does not preclude true Christian faith. In fact, taken rightly, postmodernism leads not to nihilistic relativism but to a robust faith in the Savior, who himself was bent on deconstruction. Caputo is a sheep in wolf's clothing."--Tony Jones, national coordinator of Emergent Village, author of *The New Christians: Dispatches from the Emergent Frontier*
"This is a marvelous little book. It enables readers to understand deconstruction as the hermeneutics of the kingdom of God and provides a glimpse of what this concept might look like in the hands of Jesus as applied to the church. This will be difficult therapy, and many of us will be inclined to resist. However, let us remember that while discipline is painful in the moment, it produces a harvest of peace and righteousness in the long run. May the church learn from the wisdom found in these pages."--John R. Franke, professor of missional theology, Yellowstone Theological Institute
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