Understanding and Critiquing Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Idea of a "Non-Religious Christianity"

In the last seven decades many attempts have been made to interpret Bonhoeffer's puzzling thoughts on a "non-religious Christianity". With Bonhoeffer's growing popularity among evangelicals, it is important to look at his most controversial contribution to theology again. In this lecture the speaker will give a primarily Christological interpretation of Bonhoeffer's "new theology" and an evangelical critique of what has been understood.

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- V. Critiquing Bonhoeffer's Idea of a "Non-Religious Christianity"
 - A. Appreciation
 - B. Problems, inconsistencies, and pastoral concerns

Suggested Readings:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Christology* (Collins, 1974) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Letters and Papers from Prison* (Touchstone, 1997) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Ethics* (Touchstone, 1995) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Discipleship* (Fortress, 2003) Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together* (HarperOne, 2009) Eberhard Bethge, *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Biography* (Fortress, 2000) Eric Metaxas, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Prophet, Marty, Spy* (Thomas Nelson, 2011) Adam Szabados, "The Idea of the Incognito: A Christological Interpretation of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's 'Non-Religious Christianity'" (http://divinity.szabadosadam.hu/album/INCOGNITO.pdf)