

Monday digest

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- James McGrath on the world of [Jesus mythicism](#): "Scholars disagree about how Jesus understood his life and his mission. Countless labels have been applied to him. But everyone agrees that he existed, right?"
- Matthew Avery Sutton [reviews Randall Stephens and Karl Giberson](#), who "seek to explain how the academic-lay divide has grown so wide among evangelicals." (subscription required)
- Mark Labberton [blogs the lectionary](#): "Knowing and using our talents lies near to the core of our common life together. It's not because performance is the point, but because our gifts are for lives of fruitfulness--not for being cowed by fear."
- Steve Woolley [would love to tell the story, but he doesn't know it](#).

In the news:

- [Beijing eyes Buddhist resurgence](#)
- [SBC leader compares personhood movement to abolition](#)