

# 智者會哭嗎？

奧思定和多瑪斯說哀傷

Sorrow in Augustine and Aquinas

# DO SAGES WEEP?



## Speaker 主講

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Abstract: According to ancient Greek philosophy, the wise man never weeps. Socrates kept an unperturbed mind even in the hour of his death. In Christianity, sadness became a prominent topic. The Gospels narrate the sorrow of Jesus in several pericopes. Jesus wept about the death of his friend Lazarus (Jn 11,35); he was troubled by Judas' betrayal (Jn 13,21); and he was sorrowful even unto death in the garden of Gethsemane (Mt 26,37f.). Reconciling the biblical depictions of Jesus' sorrow with the ancient ideal of the wise man proved quite a challenge for patristic and medieval exegetes like Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. Having engaged classical Greek and Hellenistic theories on the emotions, Augustine and Aquinas develop a uniquely Christian understanding of the *passiones animae*. The lecture explains why the passions were seen as an ethical problem in ancient and medieval periods, and it highlights Augustine's and Aquinas' answer to the question: Why did Jesus weep?

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**Time:** 4 - 6 p.m.

**Venue:** Ground Floor Lecture Theatre,  
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of Theology and Philosophy

6 Welfare Road, Wong Chuk Hang,  
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