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Scripture, Liberation Theology, and Pope Francis

Nicholas King SJ

response from **Christopher Rowland**

In the context of Francis's radical papacy, Nicholas King will argue that the Church cannot perform its task of preaching the gospel without the insights represented by Liberation Theology, in particular that the Church must embrace the discomfort of seeing life through the eyes of the poor. He will show how Liberation Theology is in the spirit of the challenge to 'comfortable Christianity' that one finds in Luke's Gospel, and that a way back to the insights of Liberation Theology comes through a rediscovery of the contemplative dimension that is at the centre of Pope Francis's leadership of the Church today.

Nicholas King SJ has taught at Campion Hall, Oxford, is Visiting Professor at Boston College, and Academic Director of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham. In recent years he has completed a new English translation of the entire Greek Bible, available from Kevin Mayhew Publishers, as well as books on St Paul (*Not That Man*, 2009) and the gospel of Mark (*The Strangest Gospel*, 2006).

Christopher Rowland is Emeritus Dean Ireland's Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture at the University of Oxford. His recent publications include *Blake and the Bible* (Yale UP, 2011), and he is editor of *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology* (CUP, 2007).