

CLASSES AND PROGRAMS

A Man Named Martin – (Lutheran Hour Ministries 2015) – Probably the best recent documentary of Luther and the Reformation. Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion and theology. Expanding on commentary from Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for The Lutheran Hour, numerous scholars add their expertise and perspective to render an illuminating portrait of the life of this extraordinary human being. There are mostly LCMS speakers but Dr. Mary Jane Haemig of Luther Seminary is featured as well who recently was the key note speaker at our last Lay School of Theology.

Part One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAbjgTHSkJI>

Part Two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZ-QFu3LU2U>

PBS Two Part Series on the Reformation: Narrated by Liam Neeson – Creative telling of the story. Bounces around and might be a bit confusing to the novice but has significant depth. A helpful treatment – probably best after watching one of the movies (see below) or the Lutheran Hour series mentioned above.

Part One: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fp77mcJKslk>

Part Two: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsDT1pYOW2c>

History Channel program on the Reformation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Faf6ISLbPQ8>

A good overview of the main points of the Reformation but as all History Channel programs, there is a clear agenda against doctrine, tradition, etc. Luther is said to champion one's personal relationship to Christ over against the institution of "the Church." Such a separation would have been incomprehensible to Luther who wanted to Reform the practices of the Church to not obscure or contradict the Gospel and adhere to scripture. In summary, remember when you are watching History channel programs they are not necessarily being objective in their story telling. Nevertheless, it is a very nice surface overview of the basics.

Reformation 201:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHC84xkxadKdjmymqDoJCtKqzLhRrTjIB>

This is Pastor Bill's ongoing Sunday morning class on the Reformation. They are the most in depth of our resources on the Reformation. Luther's writings and letters are looked at in depth as we walk through Martin Luther's life and the spread of the Reformation. These classes go beyond simply telling the story to stop and read Luther's writings and letters as well as those of other great reformers.