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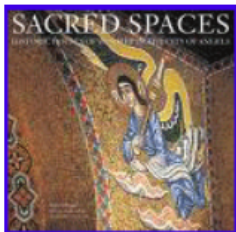
# VISUAL RELIGION: THE CULTURAL WORK OF SEEING AND BELIEVING

## A USC Libraries Exploration

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To build on your learning experience at **Visual Religion: The Cultural Work of Seeing and Believing**, the USC Libraries present a selection of resources that investigate how visualizations of Jesus by different religious communities inform and enrich the history of religion. To explore contemporary images of Jesus in Los Angeles, view the slideshow and browse the featured print and other resources at the USC Libraries.

### Featured Books

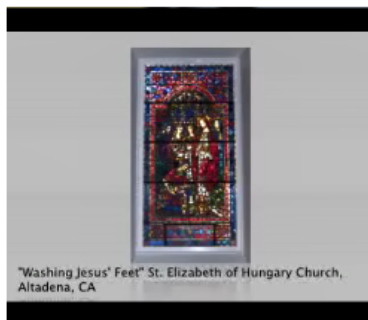


**Sacred Spaces: Historic Houses of Worship in the City of Angels** by Robert Berger, Kevin Starr, and Alfred Willis (Balcony Press, 2003) contains over 100 vivid color images by architectural photographer Robert Berger. The pictures record the spectacular, sumptuous, and often inspirational interiors of forty of Los Angeles' most historic religious structures.

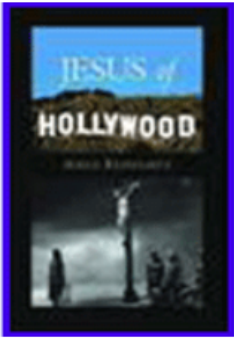


**Jewels in our Crown: Churches of Los Angeles** by Carolyn Ludwig (Ludwig Pub., 2003) offers a tour of noteworthy local churches and cathedrals. Their architectural details, statuary, and stained glass windows are beautifully portrayed in photographs and text. This title is available in the USC Libraries Special Collections.

### Images of Jesus in Contemporary Los Angeles



## Hollywood Depictions of Jesus



**Jesus of Hollywood** by Adele Reinhartz (Oxford University Press, 2007) is on reference at the USC Cinematic Arts Library using the call number, PN1995.9.J4R45 2007. Dr. Reinhartz, a New Testament scholar, analyzes the depictions of Jesus from the earliest silent films all the way through Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*. The films Reinhartz studies are available in the Cinematic Arts Library.

## Photographs of Jesus from the *Los Angeles Examiner* Clippings Morgue

Newspaper depictions and photographs of Jesus can be found in the *Los Angeles Examiner* clippings morgue, which is part of USC Libraries' Regional History Collection located in Edward L. Doheny Jr. Memorial Library.

[http://www.usc.edu/libraries/collections/regional\\_history/](http://www.usc.edu/libraries/collections/regional_history/)

## Digital Archives

The USC Digital Archive offers selected digital images of Jesus from a wide range of sources, including the California Historical Society Collection 1860-1960 and the Los Angeles Examiner Collection.

<http://digarc.usc.edu/search/controller/index.htm>

## Questions

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