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***Samson in Stone: New Discoveries in the Ancient Synagogue at Huqoq  
in Israel's Galilee***

Since 2011, Professor Jodi Magness has been directing excavations in the ancient village of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee. The excavations have brought to light the remains of a monumental Late Roman (5th century) synagogue building paved with stunning and unique mosaics pointing to apocalyptic expectations and diversity in post-Temple Jewish practice. These images include depictions of the biblical hero Samson and the first non-biblical story ever discovered decorating an ancient synagogue – perhaps Alexander the Great meeting the Jewish High Priest.



*New mosaics discovered in synagogue excavations in Galilee*

In this slide-illustrated lecture, Professor Magness describes these exciting finds, including the discoveries made in the summer 2016 season, and discusses their implications for Jewish religious life in ancient Galilee.



**Professor Jodi Magness**

Professor Magness received her B.A. in Archaeology and History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and her Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. She currently holds the senior endowed chair in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, and serves as the First VP of the Archaeological Institute of America. Professor Magness has published ten books including *The Archaeology of the Holy Land*.

***Sunday, September 11, 2016***

***Breakfast 10:00 a.m., Lecture 10:30 a.m.***

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