



HOW THE OBSCURE BROTHER MARTIN BECAME THE (IN)FAMOUS MARTIN LUTHER

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This year marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 theses and for many the possibly revolutionary start of the Reformation. Hundreds of books and conferences have already commemorated that event this year; most of them have focused on the consequences of his actions. This talk will focus instead on what Luther meant to do and what he did, with special attention to how revolutionary his actions were or not.

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