



## Reformation History

### Erasmus

#### Interpreting the Text:

1. How is philology, the study of the Bible's original languages, important for understanding it?
2. What is the import of the existence of multiple versions of the biblical text? Were the problems that Erasmus dealt with different from the various English translations of today?
3. How does the episode of the Johannine Comma change the way we might think about the text of the Bible?

#### Applying the Text:

1. Erasmus and other scholars studying the Bible relied on Jewish scholars to help translate Hebrew texts. How might we benefit today from studying the Bible alongside our Jewish neighbors, or in other interfaith or ecumenical settings?
2. How does the awareness of a new New Testament in 1516 change the way you think about the Bible? Does it now feel more fluid or alive, or does this make the bible more locked into its shape and form?