

Letter 454: 22 October [1531], Basel, Johannes Oecolampadius to Capito

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[*Summary*]: He agrees with Capito about reforming the universities. There is a need to distinguish between good and mediocre students, but there must be no excess. Times are difficult: there are many good lecturers, but few students. The Fünf Orte are at war with Zurich. Zwingli, together with the abbot of Kappel [Wolfgang Ioner] and [Konrad Schmid] of Küssnacht have been captured and put to death. The enemy committed worse cruelties than the Turks. Ioner's eyes were pricked out. Someone reported that Zwingli was torn to pieces. He asks for the prayers of the Strasbourgers and sends greetings to Bucer, Hedio and the other preachers.