

TE 2385 CHRISTOLOGY

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Monday and Thursday, 8.30-10.15

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The course will offer a comprehensive and systematic treatment of the issues related to the person and mission of Jesus. Specific themes: The Mission of the Son in relation to the history of Israel; the development of soteriology in patristic and medieval thought; the controversies and conciliar definitions, and contemporary issues.

Class schedule

1. Mon, Oct 2: Introduction
2. Thu, Oct 5: The hope of Israel
 - Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 12—15:1; Psalm 19; Isaiah 6:10-17, 9, 11, 12, 49, 52-55, 61; Baruch 3; Ezechiel 36-37; Daniel 7; Zechariah 9
3. Mon, Oct 9: Early articulations
 - Reading: Melito of Sardis, *On Pascha*; Irenaeus of Lyons, *Against Heresies* (excerpts in Norris)
- Thu, Oct 12 (no class: professor absence)
 - Assignment: N. T. Wright, “Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead,” lecture of 16 March 2007, found at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnkNKIJ_dnw or N. T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003).
- Mon, Oct 16 (no class: Mass of the Holy Spirit)
4. Thu, Oct 19: Third and Fourth Century issues
 - Reading: Tertullian, *Against Praxeas*; Tertullian, *On the Flesh of Christ*; Athanasius, *Orations against the Arians*. The excerpts are found in Norris.
5. Mon, Oct 23: The Person of Jesus: Ephesus and Chalcedon
 - Reading: Theodore of Mopsuestia, fragments; Nestorius, “First Sermon against the Theotokos”, Second letter to Cyril; Cyril of Alexandria, Second letter to Nestorius, Letter to John of Antioch; Leo the Great, *Tome*. The excerpts are found in Norris.
6. Thu, Oct 26: The Person of Jesus: From Chalcedon to Nicea II
 - Reading: Maximus the Confessor, *Ambigua* 7, 11
7. Mon, Oct 30: The Person of Jesus: Thomas Aquinas I
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 1-6
8. Thu, Nov 2: The Person of Jesus: Thomas Aquinas II
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 7-12
9. Mon, Nov 6: The Person of Jesus: Thomas Aquinas III
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 13-18
10. Thu, Nov 9: The power of the Cross: Anselm
 - Reading: Anselm of Canterbury, *Why Did God Become Human?*
11. Mon, Nov 13: The power of the Cross: Bonaventure
 - Reading: Bonaventure, *The Tree of Life* and *The Life of St. Francis*

12. Thu, Nov 16: The power of the Cross: Reformation perspectives
 - Reading: Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*
13. Mon, Nov 20: Living the life of Christ: Trent and beyond
 - Assignment: Visit and reflect on the Christology evidenced in the following churches: il Gesù, S. Ignazio, SS. Carlo e Ambrogio al Corso
- Thu, Nov 23 (no class: professor absence)
14. Mon, Nov 27: Salvation in Christ: Thomas Aquinas
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 19-26
15. Thu, Nov 30: Thomas Aquinas III, The Mother of God
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 27-30
16. Mon, Dec 4: Thomas Aquinas III, Birth
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 31-36
17. Thu, Dec 7: Thomas Aquinas IV, Life
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 37-45
18. Mon, Dec 11: Thomas Aquinas V, Death
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 46-52
19. Thu, Dec 14: Thomas Aquinas VI, Resurrection
 - Reading: Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, III Q 53-59
20. Mon, Dec 18: Twentieth Century Christology I
 - Reading: Karl Rahner, *Foundations of the Christian Faith*
21. Mon, Jan 8: Twentieth Century Christology II
 - Reading: Hans Urs von Balthasar, *Mysterium Paschale*
22. Thu, Jan 11: Contemporary questions: universality of Jesus
23. Mon, Jan 15: Contemporary questions: post-colonial Christologies
24. Thu, Jan 18: Conclusion

Primary texts: essential

- Richard Norris, *The Christological Controversy* (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress, 1980), texts from the first five centuries of Christianity with a helpful introduction.
 - Melito of Sardis, *Homily on Passover*
 - Irenaeus of Lyons, *Against Heresies*, 3.18-19, 5
 - Tertullian, *Against Praxeas*
 - Tertullian, *On the Flesh of Christ*
 - Athanasius, *Orations against the Arians*
 - Theodore of Mopsuestia, fragments
 - Nestorius, "First Sermon against the Theotokos", Second letter to Cyril
 - Cyril of Alexandria, Second letter to Nestorius, Letter to John of Antioch
 - Leo the Great, *Tome*
- Anselm of Canterbury, *Why Did God Become Human?*
- Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* III, qq. 1-59

Primary texts: supplementary

- Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*
- Maximus the Confessor, *Ambigua* 7, 11
- John of Damascus, *On the Defense of the Holy Icons*

- Bonaventure, *The Tree of Life* and *The Life of St. Francis*
- Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*
- John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book 2, Chapters 16–17
- Friedrich Schleiermacher, *The Christian Faith*, §93–5, §100
- Karl Rahner, *Foundations of the Christian Faith* (London: Darton, Longman, & Todd, 1978)
- Hans Urs von Balthasar, *Mysterium Paschale* (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1990)

Texts to accompany the primary texts

- Gerald O'Collins, *Christology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009);
- Aloys Grillmeier, *Christ in Christian Tradition* (Philadelphia, PA: Westminster John Knox, 1988).

Supplemental Commentaries

- J.D.G. Dunn, *Christology in the Making* (London: SCM Press, 1989).
- Jean Galot, *Who is Christ? A Theology of the Incarnation* (Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago, 1981)
- Walter Kasper, *Jesus the Christ*, trans. V. Green (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1976).
- Roch A. Kereszty, *Jesus Christ: Fundamentals of Christology* (New York: Alba House, 2002).
- Elizabeth Johnson, *Consider Jesus: Waves of Renewal in Christology* (New York: Crossroad, 1990).
- William P. Loewe, "Jesus Christ," *New Dictionary of Theology*, ed. Joseph A. Komonchak, Mary Collins, and Dermot Lane (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1987), 836-851.
- L. F. Matteo Seco, F. Ocariz, J. A. Riestra, *The Mystery of Jesus Christ*, 2nd ed. (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2004).
- Brian McDermott, *Word Become Flesh: Dimensions of Christology* (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1993).
- John Macquarrie, *Jesus Christ in Modern Thought* (London: SCM Press, 1990).
- John Meyendorff, *Christ in Eastern Christian Thought* (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press).
- Jürgen Moltmann, *The Way of Jesus Christ* (London: SCM Press, 1990).
- Wolfhart Pannenberg, *Jesus: God and Man* (Philadelphia: Westminster, 1968).
- Jaroslav Pelikan, *Jesus through the Centuries: His Place in the History of Culture* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1999).
- Joseph Ratzinger / Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*, trans. Adrian J. Walker (New York: Doubleday, 2007).
- Joseph Ratzinger / Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week: from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection*, trans. Adrian J. Walker (New York: Doubleday, 2011).
- Jon Sobrino, *Christology in the Making* (London: SCM Press, 1978).
- Alan J. Spence, *Christology: A Guide for the Perplexed* (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2008).
- Paul Tillich, *Existence and the Christ*, vol. 2 of *Systematic Theology* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1967).
- Thomas F. Torrance, *Atonement: The Person and Work of Christ* (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2009).