

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU
Discipline of Religious Studies

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Fall Day Session 1998
RE 20101 Divine and Human Christ
WF 2:00-3:00pm H121

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COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Description: Examines the person of Jesus Christ as Son of God and Son of Mary, as the Divine Redeemer and as the man for others, with special emphasis on recent Christological developments.

Course Goals and Objectives:

1. To provide the student with an opportunity for in-depth reflection on the nature of Jesus of Nazareth.
2. To learn the historical-critical method as it is applied to the New Testament text.
3. To gain exposure to other methods of Gospel study: form and redaction criticism.
4. To become more acquainted with the four Gospels and other New Testament writings that give us insight into the person of Jesus.
5. To become acquainted with perceptions of Jesus.
6. To understand the person and mission of Jesus as articulated by authors of the Christian scriptures.
7. To provide reflection in the context of interactive, multi-cultural, interfaith dialogue.
8. To gain understanding of biblical literature and theology (Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology) regardless of religious persuasion.
9. To provide the student with learning tools to encourage independent and cooperative study.

Course Textbooks and Materials:

10. Jesus before Christianity by Albert Noland in 1992 by Orbis Books
11. An English translation of the bible with critical apparatus. Recommended: New American Bible.
12. Handouts on specific topics will be distributed through the course.

Course Requirements:

1. Assigned readings and class participation.....25%
2. Research/Reflection Paper.....25%
3. Mid-term Examination.....25%
4. Final Examination.....25%

1. Assigned Readings and Class Participation:

The assigned readings from the textbook have been scheduled into the course. All other supplementary reading material will be distributed appropriately. The student is encouraged to follow the reading guide. Class participation is expected. Short tests will be used to assess comprehension and retention.

2. Research Paper:

To cultivate research and analytical skills in order to gain a deeper understanding over a specific area in this vast study. This paper will be part research and part reflection. The student will write a 5-7 page paper. Topic to be negotiated with the instructor.

3. **Mid Term Exam:** This examination is 90 minutes and is scheduled for Oct. 16, 1998.
Final Exam: This exam is 90 minutes and is scheduled for Dec. 11, 1998.

N.B. Exam questions are a compilation of those presented in the textbook as well as those formulated by the instructor. Exam will consist of a.) Objective questions, b.) Short answers, and c.) Essays for synthesis.

4. Class Procedure and Participation:

To facilitate different learning style - general lecture, seminar, and small group dynamics will be employed at different intervals throughout the course. The student is encouraged to actively participate by completing assigned readings prior to class, ready to enter into discussion during small groups, interacting and presenting questions pertinent to the subject matter during general lectures.

Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic and Text</u>
Sept. 2,4	Course Introduction A New Perspective The Prophecy of John the Baptist Text: 1-23 Christian Scriptures: Lk. 14:25-33
Sept. 9,11	Chapter 3 The Poor and the Oppressed Text: 27-36 C.S.: Lk. 15:1-32
Sept. 16,18	Chapter 4 Healing Text: 37-44 C.S.: Lk. 16:1-13
Sept. 23,25	Chapter 5 Forgiveness Text: 45-51 C.S. Lk. 16:19-31
Sept. 30, Oct. 1	Chapter 6 The "Kingdom" of God Text: 55-61 C.S.: Lk. 17:5-10
Oct. 7,9	Chapters 7&8 The "Kingdom" and money The "Kingdom" and prestige Text: 62-72 Christian Scripture: Lk. 17:11-19

Oct. 14, 16

Chapters 9&10
The "Kingdom" and solidarity
The "Kingdom" and power
Text: 73-88
C.S.: Lk. 18:1-8

Mid-Term Exam

Oct. 21,23

Chapters 11&12
A New Time
The Coming of the "Kingdom"
Text: 89-109
C.S.: Lk. 18:9-14

Oct. 28,30

Chapter 13
Politics and Religion
Text: 113-123
C.S.: Mt. 5:1-12

Nov. 4,6

Chapter 14
The Incident in the Temple
Text: 124-130
C.S.: Lk. 20:27-38

Nov. 11,13

Chapter 15
The Temptation to Violence
Text: 131-136
C.S.: Lk. 21:5-19

Nov. 18-20

Chapter 16
The Role of Suffering and Death
Text: 137-142
C.S.: Lk. 23: 35-43

Term Papers due

