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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Discipline of Religious Studies

Fall Day Session 2000
RE 20101 Divine and Human Christ
WF 2:00-3:20pm HH104

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Course Syllabus

Course Description: Examine the person of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Son of Mary, as Divine Redeemer and as the man for others, with some 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 Christian Scripture Text that give us insight into the person of Jesus.
5. To understand the person and the mission of Jesus as articulated by the authors of the Christian Scriptures.
6. To provide reflection in the context of interactive, multi-cultural, inter-faith dialogue.
7. To gain understanding of biblical literature and theology (Christology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology) regardless of religious persuasion.
8. To provide the student with learning tools to encourage independent and cooperative study.

Course Textbooks and Materials:

Jesus before Christianity by Albert Noland in 1992 by Orbis Books

An English translation of the bible with critical apparatus. Recommended: New American Bible.

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
- Final Exam:** This exam is 90 minutes and is scheduled for

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: Week of...</u>	<u>Topic and Text</u>
Aug. 30	Course Introduction
	A look at the Hebrew/Christian Scriptures
Sept. 6	Chap. 1 - The Prophecy of John the Baptist
13	Chap. 2
20	Chap. 3 - The Poor and the Oppressed
27	Chap. 4 Healing
Oct. 4	Chap. 5 Forgiveness
11	Chap. 6 The "Kingdom" of God
18	Chap. 7 The Kingdom and money
	Mid-term Exam
	Chap. 8 The Kingdom and prestige
25	Chap. 9 Solidarity
	Chap. 10 Power
Nov. 1	Chap. 11 & 12 A New Time/The Coming of the Kingdom
8	Chap. 13 Politics and Religion
15	Chap. 14 The Incident in the Temple
21	Chap. 15 The Temptation to Violence
29	Chap. 16 & 17 Suffering and Death/The Man who Emerges
	Term Papers are due
Dec. 6	Chap. 18 & 19 On Trial/Faith in Jesus
11-14	Final Exam Schedule

N.B. A total of 11 short tests will be given throughout the semester. Should you miss a quiz, you will have one week to make it up.