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THEOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
Fall 1998
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Tuesday - Thursday
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

[N. B. This year’s course will focus on N.T. Christology]

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(other hours by appointment)

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS
5. B. Witherington, The Jesus Quest I-V Press, 1995 (hb) (extra-credit reading)
   Recommended
6. B. Witherington, The Many Faces of the Christ Crossroads, 1998 (pb) This is the main
textbook for the course.

ASSIGNMENTS
1. All required reading (see below).
2. Attendance at all classes.
3. 15-20 page paper, using TURABIAN STYLE MANUAL, on some topic in N.T. Christology, or
the modern discussion of Christology. Several students will be asked to give a 15-20 minute
presentation of their papers at the end of the term.
   This paper is due the last week in October.
4. Final exam comprehensive of all lectures and readings.
5. There will be no class on November 20. The professor is away.
6. Students should be aware that random sample questions taken from the required reading will
appear on the final exam.

READING & BIBLIOGRAPHY (ALL * MATERIAL IS REQUIRED READING)

LECTURE 1 The Starting Point and Methodology

LECTURES 2-6 The Christology of Jesus
LECTURES 7-8    Wisdom Christology; The Christology of Q and Early Jewish Christianity
*1. Dunn, pp. 196-206.
*2. Witherington, Jesus the Sage, pp. 3-208.

LECTURES 9-10    Early Hymns, Creeds, Kerygma
  5. Witherington, Jesus the Sage, pp. 211-94.

LECTURES 11-13    The Pauline Evidence
*1. Witherington, Paul’s Narrative, pp. 81-211.
  6. Hamerton-Kelly, pp. 103-96/

LECTURE 14    Marcan Christology

LECTURE 15    Lukan Christology
  1. Fuller and Perkins, pp. 81-95.
LECTURES 16-17  Matthean Christology
3. Witherington, Jesus the Sage, pp. 335-68.

LECTURES 18-20  Johannine Christology and Its Development
2. Dunn, pp. 213-250.

LECTURE 21  Hebrews: High (Priestly) Christology

LECTURE 22  The Minor Witnesses
3. Selwyn, 1 Peter, to be announced.
4. Bauckham, 2 Peter, to be announced.

LECTURE 23  Summing Up and Moving On
3. Fuller and Perkins, pp. 121-34.

LECTURE 24  N.T. Christology and Beyond: Toward Chalcedon and Canon

LECTURES 25-27  The Modern Discussion
A. In the general field of Biblical Studies
5. A. N. S. Lane, “Christology Beyond Chalcedon” in Guthre Festschrift, pp. 257-81.

B. The “Myth of God Incarnate” Debate

C. Process Christology

D. The Jewish-Christian Dialogue

E. “Kenotic” Christology

F. “Unsanctioned” Catholicism
1. E. Schillebecx, *Jesus. An Experiment in Christology*.

G. Theological Discussions

Catch Up Class and Student Presentations