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THEOLOGY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
January 2002
Dr. Ben Witherington, III
Tuesday – Saturday
January 22 - 26
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Orlando Campus

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

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course treats the general content and historical development of New Testament theology (particularly Christology in this case) emphasizing methodology of the contemporary biblical theological disciplines.

COURSE GOAL
To familiarize the student with the unity and diversity of New Testament Christology and Christologies, and to consider its implications for Trinitarian thinking.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Recommended
6 B. Witherington, The Many Faces of the Christ Crossroads, 1998 (pb) This is the main textbook for the course.

Extra Credit
B. Witherington, The Jesus Quest I-V Press, 1995 (hb) (extra-credit reading)

ASSIGNMENTS
1. All required reading (see below).
2. Attendance at all classes.
3. 15-20 page paper, using SLADE STYLE MANUAL, on some topic in N.T. Christology, or the modern discussion of Christology. This paper is due the last week in January.
Reading schedule from required texts is listed below. Separate supplemental materials which may assist your term paper research are also listed.

READING & BIBLIOGRAPHY  \textbf{(ALL * MATERIAL IS REQUIRED READING)}

**LECTURE 1**  The Starting Point and Methodology

**LECTURES 2-6**  The Christology of Jesus
2. Witherington, \textit{The Christology of Jesus} in toto.

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

**LECTURES 9-10**  Early Hymns, Creeds, Kerygma

**LECTURES 11-13**  The Pauline Evidence
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
1. Dunn, pp. 213-250.

LECTURE 21  Hebrews: High (Priestly) Christology

LECTURE 22    The Minor Witnesses
3. Selwyn, I 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
2. S. Sandmel, “Christology, Judaism, and Jews” in Christological Perspectives, pp. 170-78.

E. “Kenotic” Christology

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

G. Theological Discussions