

CHRISTOLOGY IN THE SCRIPTURES

In the Gospels, Jesus asks his disciples, “Who do you say I am?” He continues to ask *us* that same question. This is the most basic issue facing Christian belief and thought, as every other doctrine flows from the understanding of who Jesus is, both in relation to the one he called Abba and to us.

This workshop will examine the growth of Christological thought in the New Testament period, from the letters of Paul (probably written in the ‘50’s) through the Gospel of John (probably written in the 90’s). Even here, scholars often differ. This conference will present both the dominant view, as well as some alternative ideas.



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The SouthWest Institute for Diaconal Studies



Presents

FROM ESCHATOLOGICAL PROPHET TO INCARNATE WORD CHRISTOLOGY IN THE SCRIPTURES

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Edward L. Shirley is a professor of religious studies at St. Edward’s University, where he has taught for 23 years. He has a doctorate in Theology from Fordham University, and specializes in Trinity, Christology, Mariology and Interreligious Dialogue. His witty and entertaining classes are known for the knowledge and information which he presents in a most entertaining format. Professor Shirley possesses the theological *mandatum* from the Diocese of Austin. He has given classes and presentations for numerous dioceses, parishes and Church-affiliated groups across the country. He received his B.A. from the University of Missouri-Columbia, his M.A. from St. Louis University, and his Ph.D. from Fordham University.

Dr. Shirley is a member of the American Academy of Religion, the Catholic Theological Society of America, and is the past Secretary for the Society for Buddhist Christian Studies. He has been a professed member of the Secular Franciscan Order since 1980, and as such has served in formation for local, regional and national fraternities. He currently serves as the chair of the Ecumenical/Interfaith Committee for the SFO. He is married and has one grown son.

SOME DEFINITIONS

Eschatology – es-cha-tol-o-gy

n. The part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind.

From the Greek eskhatos (last) Community
Proclaim the Good News

Incarnate – in-car-nate

Adj. Embodied in flesh; in human form: God incarnate; he chose to be incarnate as a man.

Incarnate Word. The idea that God incarnates himself in man.

Christology – Chris-tol-o-gy

n. The branch of Christian theology relating to the person, nature, and role of Christ.

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 28, 2009

8:00 – 8:45am	Registration
8:45 am	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	Session 1. The life and times of Jesus of Nazareth
10:15 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am	Session 2. Pauline Christology
Noon	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 pm	Session 3. Mark: Jesus and the Messianic Secret
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Break

2:45 pm Session 4.
Matthew: Jesus the long-awaited Messiah

Saturday, August 29, 2009

8:45 am	Morning Prayer
9:00 am	Session 5. Luke: Jesus sent to the poor and outcast
10:15 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am	Session 6. John: Jesus the Incarnate Word
Noon	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 pm	Session 7. From Eschatological Prophet to Exalted Lord
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 pm	Session 8. The Divine Connection

Sunday, August 30, 2009

9:00 am	Questions and Answers
10:30 am	Closing Liturgy Families are welcome

The music for this year's closing Mass will be provided by St. Theresa's The 20 Somethings Band. All proceeds are devoted to their ministry. For more information or to schedule a performance in the Austin metropolitan area, contact Mary McClory - mrykaboom@gmail.com or Mary@catholic20somethings.com

Note: Hotel checkout is at 12:00 noon.

SWIDS HISTORY

The SouthWest Institute for Diaconal Studies (SWIDS) was founded in 1989 to provide high quality, reasonably priced and conveniently accessible continuing education for deacons and their spouses from throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. SWIDS presenters are internationally acclaimed, including John Shea, best-selling author and storyteller, Fr. Lawrence Boadt, Editor In Chief and Publisher of Paulist Press, Fr. John Melloh, Homiletics Chair, Notre Dame University, Rev. Sean Charles Martin of the Aquinas Institute of Theology, and other equally distinguished scholars. Attendees now include deacons from throughout Region X and from as far away as California and New Jersey. In addition to continuing our high quality seminars, SWIDS is planning to expand our offerings to include web based courses and lectures.

VENDORS

VIVA BOOKS, which has been with us for several years, will once again offer their great display of books and related items. They will be carrying Professor Shirley's suggested reading list, and you may contact them by email at viva@vivabooks.com if you have any special requests.

Made by a deacon for deacons and their families; beautiful gold, silver, and other fine metals are crafted into superb jewelry for all occasions. Please visit this popular jewelry display!

ACCOMMODATIONS

We have renewed our contract the Raddison Hotel North in Austin. To show their appreciation for our sticking with them throughout the sale of the old hotel as well as the inconveniences of the total remodel, The Raddison has offered to renew our contract at the same terms and prices as we've had for the last several years. They've really tried hard to work with us and we urge you to take advantage of the convenience of fine accommodations just a few steps from the conference venue.