



CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

CCS-003 JESUS

COURSE OUTLINE

“Who do you say that I am?” Jesus’ question to his early disciples is the same question posed to each successive generation of his followers. This course will examine both the historical and the contemporary answers to this question in the context of the Catholic Tradition.

General Course Objectives

1. To reflect on the person and the ministry of Jesus Christ as presented in the writings of the New Testament
2. To identify the central Christian teachings about Jesus Christ preserved within the living Tradition of the Church
3. To examine the significance of Jesus Christ within a contemporary Catholic spirituality
4. To explore the significance of Jesus Christ within the context of today’s Church

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: The Witness of the New Testament

- The New Testament and the Gospels are the primary sources of our knowledge about and understanding of Jesus Christ
- Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

Week 2: The Person and Ministry of Jesus

- The basic information about Jesus’ life comes from the Gospels
- The major events in Jesus’ life are historically and theologically grounded, and reveal to us the way into our true humanity

Week 3: The Christ of the Early Church

- Following the New Testament period, significant differences emerged between diverse Christian communities
- The study of Redemption, Salvation, Justification, and Reconciliation

Week 4: Images of Jesus Christ in Catholic Spirituality

- Understanding the meaning of an image
- Understanding the images of Jesus, in our culture today as well as in particular forms of prayer and spirituality

Week 5: The Enduring Presence of Christ in the Church and in the World

- Jesus Christ remains eternally present in the believing community
- A society of many religious views has created new challenges for the Catholic faith

Textbooks

[Neuman, Matthias. *Christology: True God, True Man*. Chicago: Loyola Press, 2002.](#)

References

[*The Holy Bible*](#)

Assessment

Jesus consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade.

Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.