COURSE DESCRIPTION

The goal of this course is answering the question “Who do you say that I am?” The course will investigate Old Testament expectations, the paradigms of the New Testament, early Church statements and current controversies. It will concentrate on the key mystery of redemptive incarnation.

A. METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

- The course will be based on the required text, The Mystery of Jesus Christ, and other materials provided by the instructor.
- The instructor will utilize a combination of lecture and group discussion in order to facilitate the in-depth study of the subject matter.
- Students must complete reading assignments so that they may actively participate in class and fully assimilate the material.
- Two minor examinations will assess the progress and comprehension of students. The instructor will notify students a week prior to the examinations so that they may prepare accordingly.
- The final assignment will consist in writing a 6-page theological reflection on the Incarnation, or Solemnity of the Annunciation. The texts for the Mass may be used as well as other duly cited sources.

B. OBJECTIVES

The course shall attempt to elucidate three crucial topics in the field of Christology.

1. The Divinity of Jesus: Jesus as the Eternal Word who enters into human history in the fullness of time.
2. **The saving mission of the Son**: Jesus’ public ministry, redemption through the sacrifice of the Cross, and the resurrection and ascension as the completion of redemption.

3. **The humanity of Christ**: the harmonious union of the full humanity of Christ with the divinity He shares with the Father and the Holy Spirit from all eternity.

C. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

1. May 19: Introduction to the Course; Council of Nicaea
2. May 26: From Constantinople I to Nicaea II
3. June 2: The Expected Messiah
4. June 8: The Coming of Christ in the Fullness of Time
5. June 16: The Person of Christ
7. June 30: Redemption I
8. July 7: Redemption II

D. MATERIALS

2. The instructor will provide handouts and electronic resources.

E. GRADING PLAN

1. This course will use the letter grade system for assessing the students’ progress.
2. The weight of each proposed assignment is as follows:
   a. Examination 1: 20%
   b. Examination 2: 20%
   c. Final Assignment: 60%

F. MISCELLANEOUS

- Intellectual honesty is a must for all students. Plagiarism will not be tolerated.
- Students must attend all classes and arrive punctually, unless they have been duly excused by the Director of the Program and the instructor.