UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2013
Instructor: Fisher, Abraham B.
Course #: THEO 4320/5320
Section: 101
Course Title: Jesus the Christ

Description:

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus asks his Apostles point-blank, “who do you say that I am?” This course will focus on presenting the textual evidence, theological debates and cultural contexts that have shaped and informed that question throughout Christian history, as well as the closely related questions of Christian salvation and Christian spirituality.

We will begin with a close examination of the witness of the New Testament and the faith of the early Christian community, followed by a study of the theological debates surrounding the councils of Nicaea and Chalcedon, a consideration of the merits and challenges of some notable modern approaches, and an application of the theological principles discovered to individual spirituality and to the religiously plural culture in which we live.