

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2008**
Instructor: Dr. Judette Kolasny
Course #: Theo 103
Section: 1001
Course Title: Jesus and the Gospel Traditions

Description:

There are four canonical Gospels and each is unique. However, scholars have long recognized that the first three Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) are quite similar in the stories told and the teachings presented. Hence, we speak of two Gospel traditions: the Synoptic tradition (Matthew, Mark, Luke) and the Johannine tradition. Approximately half the semester will be spent looking at each of the two traditions. We will also very briefly look at some non-canonical traditions and visit the Haggerty Art Museum to see how artists, especially artists of the Renaissance period presented stories from the Bible, especially the Gospels.

Required texts:

- 1) Catholic Study Bible, New American Bible
- 2) Harris, Stephen: The New Testament: A Student' Introduction (5th edition, 2005)
- 3) Kysar, Robert: John the Maverick Gospel (Third Edition, 2007)