

INDS 542: POETIC MEDITATIONS ON THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS

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July 11 – 15, 8:00 – 11:00 am

1 or 2 graduate credit hours; or 1 audit hour

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will focus on the sayings of Jesus as recorded in all four gospels – both the attractive (consider the lilies) and the challenging (sell all you own). Students will approach these sayings through the lenses of both scholarship and poetry, including Malcolm Guite's current sonnets reflecting on and wrestling with the sayings of Jesus.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Know the range and variety of Jesus direct teaching
2. Understand the imaginative reach and appeal of parable and paradox in Jesus' teaching
3. Frame their own creative and imaginative response to the Gospel records of Jesus's teaching and to share it effectively with others

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 'He who has ears to hear': The problem of over-familiarity

Day 2 Parables and their possibilities

Day 3 'What if!' Imagining the Kingdom.

Day 4 The Lord's Prayer: a formula, or a formation?

Day 5 'Before Abraham was, I AM': Jesus and the fullness of God

REQUIRED TEXTS

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Guite, Malcolm. *Parable and Paradox* Canterbury Press 2016. [forthcoming] \$TBD

All prices subject to change without notice. The Regent College Bookstore offers a 20% discount on regularly priced books (some exceptions may apply).

Please Note: The Course Information Sheet is meant to assist in selecting courses.

The official syllabus should be consulted for more detailed information. Full syllabus with drop deadlines, policies, and course assignment details, is available on Moodle: moodle.regent-college.edu/login

