

2nd Semester Final Exam Preparation Questions **5/2008**

Essays:

Ch 1 (Introduction)

- Who is Dorothy Day? What organization did she start? When and where did she live?
- What are the Dead Sea Scrolls? When (within 25 years) were they found and specifically what is in them?
- What are three of the basic differences between the old covenant and the new covenant? (Refer to three of the categories from the book: “The People, Slaves to..., Saved by the, Crossed the waters of..., Celebrated through the... or Law.”)
- Describe three main characteristics of a parable.

Ch 2 (New Testament into)

- What is a house church, what happened there and what role did it have in early Christianity?
- What is an Evangelist and who came to be Evangelists?
- Who is Thea Bowman? What did she do that makes her a witness to the Gospel? When and where did she live?
- Explain the differences in Luke, Matthew, Mark and Johns’ Gospels using the following criteria:
 - a. approximate date each was written
 - b. location where each was probably written
 - c. audience for each
 - d. primary image of Jesus in each Gospel

Ch 3 Essays Matthew

- What are the infancy narratives? In which book or books can Infancy Narratives be found?
- Matthew’s Gospels’ Beatitudes lists several groups of people who are “blessed.” For example, “blessed are the pure in heart.” Name two other groups in Matthew’s Gospel that are “blessed” according to the Beatitudes.
- In which Gospel do the shepherds come to visit Jesus after his birth? B. In which Gospel does Jesus end up in Egypt after his birth?
- What is the Incarnation? Explain completely.
- What are the two types of Works of Mercy described in Chapter 3? Give two examples of each type.
- Describe the life of Dorothy Stang? What group of people did she work with in Brazil? Why did the government have her killed?

Ch 4 Essays Mark

- What image of Jesus did Mark portray in his Gospel? What was occurring at that time that affected Mark’s image of Jesus in the Gospel?
- Mark uses a technique called “framing” or putting one story within another story. Give one example of this technique by writing down the both the outer story and the inner story in one of Mark’s framing stories.
- What is the Messianic Secret? Explain completely.
- What happens and who all is involved in the Transfiguration?
- What is the Pascal Mystery? Explain this completely.

Ch 5 Luke

- Who are the *anawim* in Luke's Gospel? What is their relationship to the Eucharist (table fellowship)?
- Define *Parousia*.
- What are two reasons that Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan was shocking to his listeners?
- When and where did Kateri Tekakwitha live? Within the Church, she is called "Blessed Kateri." Why is that? Be specific.
- Who was the audience for Luke's Gospel? How does this affect the way Luke writes the Gospel?
- In what sense did Mary choose the "better part" in the story of Mary and Martha? What part did Martha choose?

Ch 6 John

- Who is Dom Helder Camara? Where/when did he live? What did he do to make him a witness in this chapter?
- Describe the lesson Jesus taught his disciples the night before his death and summarize how he taught them this lesson – (Before they ate together).
- John reveals the identity of Jesus through the use of "I am" statements and signs (miracles.) Select three "I am" statements and explain what they reveal about Jesus.
- What are "signs" in John's Gospel. Briefly summarize three of the seven signs in John.
- Who was the Samaritan woman? Give two reasons why Jesus should not have been talking with her. What does he tell her that he has not told anyone else to this point?

Ch 7 Acts of the Apostles

- When and where did Teresa of Avila live? What book did she write that became a spiritual classic.
- What did Paul do before his conversion? Describe his conversion.
- Describe what happened at Pentecost. What ability did the disciples have after Pentecost that they didn't have before?
- What was the purpose of the Council of Jerusalem? When was it? What two major decisions about new Christians were made at this council? How did this council affect the direction of the early Church?
- Peter had a vision in Jaffa about some animals. What exactly happened? Explain why this dream was important to the early Church.
- Define martyr? Who is Stephen? Why is he killed?

Ch 8 (Paul/Letters/Revelation)

- What structure, or format, is found in Paul's letters? List the six elements and explain each one briefly.
- Explain what Paul means when he refers to "the paradox of the cross."
- What is the difference between Pauline letters, pastoral letters and Catholic letters?
- Explain "circumcision of the heart."
- What is justification by faith? Use and explain these two terms in your answer: works, Law.
- Explain Paul's analogy of the "Body of Christ." In your answer explain the head of this "body" and explain Paul's use of gifts and members.
- Paul focuses on sacred mysteries or sacraments. On which two sacraments does he mostly concentrate. Explain why Paul focuses on those two.
- What are the four "Marks of the Church?" Briefly explain each one.
- List any three symbols (other than numbers) and their possible meanings as used in the Book of Revelation.
- For whom was the Book of Revelation written and why?

Additional:

Write down the Great Commandment given by Jesus and explain how it can take the place of the Ten Commandments.

Where does it say "An eye for an eye..." and what does Jesus say in response to that? Explain the significance of this statement by Jesus.