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--Heather Eaton. Full professor/professeure titulaire, Saint Paul University. Author of <u>Introducing Ecofeminist Theologies</u> (2005)

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is an understanding of Jesus as the Word of God, grounded in what can be known historically of Jesus and informed by subsequent reflection upon him, which hopes to help shape a Christian identity characterized by "bounded openness." In Jesus Christ for Contemporary



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--Harold G. Wells, Emeritus professor of systematic theology, University of Toronto. Author of <u>The Christic</u> <u>Center: Life-Giving and Liberating</u> (2004)

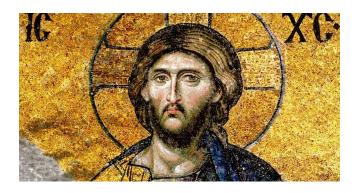
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Jesus is reported to have once asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). Christians and others continue to wrestle with this question. Then, as now, the answer can vary from "rabbi" or "teacher" to the declaration that Jesus was the Word of God become flesh. These five sessions will trace how Christians and some others have understood who Jesus is and the reasons for this, moving though the New Testament, early church debates and then to the present, looking at gains and losses that have occurred along the way.

Nov. 8: What can we know historically about Jesus?

This session surveys what can be known about Jesus historically, focusing on his public ministry and crucifixion.

Nov. 15: Jesus' resurrection

This session examines what can be known historically about Jesus' resurrection, how it was understood in various New Testament traditions and how it influenced the early church's understanding of Jesus.

Nov. 22: Early Christian debates about who Jesus was

This session traces how the evolution of Christianity from being a sect within Judaism to a Gentile religion led to the question "Who do you say that I am?" being raised and answered in new ways in light of Hellenistic philosophy.

Nov. 29: Thinking about God in light of Jesus

This session looks at how answers to the question "Who do you say that I am?" have led to re-thinking the understanding of God.

Dec. 6: Who is Jesus for us today?

This session uses contemporary depictions of Jesus to look at how when people answer Jesus's question, "Who do you say that I am?", something of themselves enters into their understanding of Jesus.

Please source your own copy of the book <u>Jesus</u> Christ for Contemporary Life: His Person, Works and Relationships, Don Schweitzer, 2012. For the Fall sessions, **please read chapters 1,2,3, 4 and 9 of the book**. See the back panel of this brochure for details.

This series will continue February 21 - March 20 with the course "Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me'." The Way of Jesus, and How He Empowers People to Follow It, reading chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

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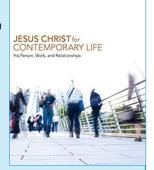
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