UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term:  Fall 2015
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Course #:  THEO 1001
Section:  123
Course Title:  Introduction to Theology
Topic:  Signs of the Kingdom

Description:

"Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near!" These are the words that begin the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth according to the Gospel tradition. But what is the kingdom of God? And, how do we know when or if it has indeed drawn near? The early Christians believed that the kingdom had come with Jesus Christ because of the signs of the kingdom. The dead were raised, the blind were given sight, the poor were liberated. We will examine in this course the theology and history of the Christian tradition as it has come down through the Catholic church. We'll look at the phenomenon of miracles, the existence (or absence) of economic justice in the Christian movement, and the phenomenon of martyrdom, all present in the biblical corpus and played out throughout Christian history. Modern and patristic readings will complement our reading of Old and New Testament texts.