The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith. Yet the meaning of the cross has been interpreted in many different ways through the centuries, from a source of scandal to the “tree of life.” In this course, students will explore interpretations of the death of Jesus on the cross, including those found in the Pauline letters, the Gospels and other New Testament texts, the works of classic Christian thinkers, and the thought of contemporary theologians writing from a variety of perspectives. The goal of the course is to deepen students’ insight into the meaning of the death of Jesus and the symbol of the cross in Christian life, spirituality, and preaching.

Lectures take place **Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. in room 210* of 5416 S. Cornell Ave., Chicago.** All lectures are open to guests for $15 per lecture or $150 for the entire series. Complimentary parking is available. Students interested in taking the course for credit should register for BD5002 The Cross in Scripture and Theology.

- **February 9** General Introduction -- Crucifixion in the Ancient World
- **February 16** Pauline Theology of the Cross (I) -- Paschal Mystery
- **February 23** Pauline Theology of the Cross (II) -- Christian Life as “Cruciformity”
- **March 1** The Passion Narratives in Mark and Matthew
- **March 8** The Passion Narratives in Luke and John
- **March 15** Synthesis of New Testament Perspectives
- **March 22** Soundings in the Tradition of Soteriology
- **March 29** Reading Week -- NO CLASS
- **April 5** Jurgen Moltmann
- **April 12** Edward Schillebeeckx
- **April 19** Latin American Liberationist Theology: Jon Sobrino
- **April 26** Feminist Perspectives: Cynthia Crysdale and Elizabeth Johnson
- **May 3** Asian and African Perspectives -- Course Reflections

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