Course: ***Race, Ethnicity, and the New Testament***

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(Advanced level)

This course is a study of the theological intersections of race, ethnicity, and the New Testament. Students will explore how the notions of race and ethnicity functioned in antiquity and how contemporary cultural contexts shape our interpretation of Scripture today. We will thus study the impact racial and ethnic identities have on hermeneutics, theology, and the interpretation of Scripture. Marginalized readings from African American, Latina/o, Asian American, and other perspectives will stand alongside the ethnic discourses imbedded in the texts of the New Testament. Finally, we will focus on the hermeneutical and theological implications of reading the texts of the New Testament in an ethnically diverse world.