

## **Prescribed titles for Religious Education Coursework for Leaving Certificate 2010**

A choice of two titles is given in each of Sections E and H below. Candidates should base their coursework on **ONE** title only, taken from **EITHER** Section E or Section H

### **Section E: Religion and Gender**

#### **E 1:**

- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Judaism

Research the connection between the way people worship and the roles of men and women in ONE of the above major world religions today.

#### **E 2:**

*Jesus was radical in his treatment of women.*

An investigation into the evidence for this statement with reference to TWO encounters between Jesus and women in the Gospels.

### **Section H: The Bible: Literature and Sacred Text**

#### **H 1:**

Conduct a case study about the influence of the Bible on a piece of work in ONE of the following areas:

- Art
- Literature
- Music

#### **H 2:**

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- Hannah's Song of Thanks (1Samuel 2:1-10)
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An enquiry into the importance of literary genre for the appreciation of ONE of the above biblical texts by believers today.

E 1

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- [Christianity](#)
- [Hinduism](#)
- [Islam](#)
- [Judaism](#)

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- [www.islamset.com/enclclo/god\\_of\\_islam.html](http://www.islamset.com/enclclo/god_of_islam.html)
- [www.mandinkapeople.com/99Names.htm](http://www.mandinkapeople.com/99Names.htm)
- [www.faithnet.org.uk/KS4/Social%20Harmony/buddhismequality.htm](http://www.faithnet.org.uk/KS4/Social%20Harmony/buddhismequality.htm)
- [www.findarticles.com](http://www.findarticles.com)
- [http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_hb3032/is\\_199309/ai\\_n7675340?tag=content;col1](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_hb3032/is_199309/ai_n7675340?tag=content;col1)
- <http://wrc.lingnet.org/islamw.htm>
- [www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/questions/women/#religious\\_leader](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/globalconnections/mideast/questions/women/#religious_leader)
- [www.jewfaq.org/women.htm](http://www.jewfaq.org/women.htm)
- [www.religioustolerance.org/nfe\\_bibl.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/nfe_bibl.htm)
- [www.womenshistory.about.com](http://www.womenshistory.about.com)
- [www.geocities.com/zennun12\\_8/kuan-yin.html](http://www.geocities.com/zennun12_8/kuan-yin.html)
- [www.islamicity.com/QuranSearch/](http://www.islamicity.com/QuranSearch/)
- <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,867937,00.html> Women in Islam 1957 'Beyond the Veil', Time Magazine
- <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,995071,00.html> Struggle for the Soul of Islam, Time Magazine, 2004
- <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1001347,00.html> The Women of Islam, 2001, Time Magazine
- <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1039716,00.html> Her Turn to Pray, 2005, time Magazine (women reclaiming their rights in the mosque)

E2 *Jesus was radical in his treatment of women.*

An investigation into the evidence for this statement with reference to **TWO** encounters between Jesus and women in the Gospels.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,975803,00.html> Cut from the wrong cloth, 1992, time Magazine, Women in U.S. Catholicism

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,977073,00.html> The Second Reformation, Time Magazine, 1992, (Feminism and admission to the priesthood)

1. [The status of women in the gospels](#)

**Jesus' radical treatment of women:** Christ overthrew many centuries of Jewish law and custom. He consistently treated **women** and men as equals. ...  
[www.religioustolerance.org/cfe\\_bibl.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/cfe_bibl.htm) - 61k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

1. [DECODING DA VINCI - Trinity Church Network](#)

Now compare this with the **Jesus'** honouring **treatment of women** in the biblical Gospels, and with Paul's "there is no longer male and female; for all of you ..."  
[https://trinity.ie/CMS/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=130&Itemid=80](https://trinity.ie/CMS/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=130&Itemid=80) - 28k -

1. [Jesus and Feminism: Was He Against Women's Rights?](#)

If **Jesus** stoned her, then so much for his uniquely respectful **treatment of women**, and his teaching about mercy and forgiveness. **Jesus** responded by saying ...  
[www.iamnext.com/spirituality/feminism.html](http://www.iamnext.com/spirituality/feminism.html) - 19k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

1. [Luke - Unfolding the Story of Jesus](#)

Luke delights to dwell on **Jesus** tenderness to **women**. His reverence for **women** shines in his **treatment** of Mary, Elizabeth and Anna. ...  
[www.goodnews.ie/luke.shtml](http://www.goodnews.ie/luke.shtml) - 16k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

1. [PDF]

[1 CODE 6: WAS MARY MAGDALENE AN HONORED APOSTLE?](#)

File Format: PDF/Adobe Acrobat - [View as HTML](#)  
doesn't extend as far as the new school would like). In fact the **treatment of women** by **Jesus** and the Church is revolutionary. It seems if the Church wanted ...  
[www.galwaycitychurch.com/Images/Week%204.pdf](http://www.galwaycitychurch.com/Images/Week%204.pdf) - [Similar pages](#)

1. [Gospel Women: Studies of the Named Women in the Gospels. | Full ...](#)

... like, The JAMC's backwards "N" type **treatment** for the PsychoCandy sleeve is ... Galilean **women** follow **Jesus**. Luke 8:1-3 **JESUS** journeyed from one town ...  
[www.articlearchives.com/humanities-social-science/religion/181965-1.html](http://www.articlearchives.com/humanities-social-science/religion/181965-1.html) - 51k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

1. [Mary Condren - CGWS - Trinity College Dublin](#)

23 Nov 2008 ... "Enough to Make **Jesus** Picket the Vatican," Irish Times Rite and Reason ... A **treatment of women** in myth, church, history, and politics in ...  
[www.tcd.ie/cgws/staff/mcondren.php](http://www.tcd.ie/cgws/staff/mcondren.php) - 21k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Synoptics\\_Women.htm](http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Synoptics_Women.htm)

Excellent chart on Women in the synoptic gospels (by Felix Just, S.J; Ph.D)

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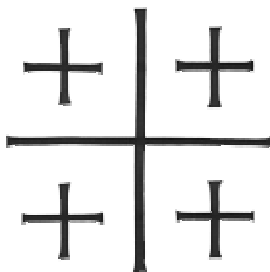
**Book:** 'The Bible through Art: from Genesis to Esther: A Resource for Teaching Religious Education and Art' by Margaret Cooling, Diane Walker and Jane Taylor, 2000.

<http://www.visual-arts-cork.com/irish-sculpture/celtic-high-cross-sculptures.htm> Celtic High Crosses, Celtic design work or Biblical narrative scenes etc

<http://catholic-resources.org/Art/index.html>

### Electronic New Testament Educational Resources

*by Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D.*



# Biblical and Religious Art and Music



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**Collections of Art on my Website:**

- [Nadal's Gospel Illustrations](#) - 153 woodcuts from Jerome Nadal's *Evangelicae Historiae Imagines* ("Illustrations of the Gospel Stories" - 1593-1595)
- [The Doré Bible Gallery](#) - copyright-free digital versions of the New Testament woodcuts made by Alsatian artist Gustave Doré (1832-1883). -- *recently expanded to include all the Old Testament illustrations also!*
- [Christian Symbols, by Rudolf Koch](#) - a selection of small, black & white, copyright-free images; by German artist Rudolf Koch (1876-1934).
- [The Symbols of the Four Evangelists](#) - photos and online artwork related to the four traditional symbols (lion, angel, ox, eagle)
- [Art and Images related to the Gospel according to John](#) - my compilation, sorted by the chapters of John's Gospel
  - [Renaissance Art in the Gospel of John](#) - a project by two of my students, Veronica Frausto and Suzanne Quinn
- [Art, Images and Materials related to the Book of Revelation](#) - my collection, sorted by the chapters of Revelation
  - [Apocalyptic Art by Duncan Long](#) - this contemporary Christian artist gave me permission to compile some of his artwork related to the Book of Revelation and other apocalyptic themes from the Bible.
- [Impressions of Italy: Cities, Churches, Art](#) - my own photos of Assisi, Florence, Padua, Pisa, Ravenna, Siena, and Spello, including some fine artworks.

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#### **Biblical Music on my Website:**

- **Related to the Gospel of John:**
  - [Johannine Texts and Themes in Liturgical Music](#) - compiled by Gail Gresser and Felix Just, S.J.
  - [According to John](#) - a Contemporary Christian Music group inspired by the Fourth Gospel
  - [That You May Have Life: Musical Stories from the Gospel of John](#) - by Marty Haugen
- **Related to the Book of Revelation:**
  - [Apocalyptic and Millennial Themes in Music](#) - a very fine overview; from a student project by Erick Cifuentes
  - [Michael Card: Unveiled Hope](#) - a Contemporary Christian Music album based on the Book of Revelation

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## Other Websites with Christian Iconography and Art:

- [Biblical Art on the WWW](#) - excellent database-driven website; very large, well-organized, and comprehensive
- [Museum of Biblical Art](#) - new museum in New York (opened May 2005)
- [The Ecole Initiative: Index of Images](#) - links to images stored at various places on the Web
- [The Text This Week: Art Concordance](#) - another excellent collection, by Jenee Woodard
  
- [Anderson Christian Art](#) - icon-style images, many of Jesus and Mary, with a few NT scenes, saints, etc. - **NEW LINK 6/08**
- [Bridge Building Images](#) - large selection of icons, crads & gifts; from Burlington, VT
- [Christus Rex](#) - a variety of Christian art from the Holy Land, Rome, and elsewhere
- [Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative](#) - from ATLA, the American Theological Library Association
- [Creator Mundi](#) - "Importers of Distinctive Sacred Art" in Littleton, CO; esp. bronzes and icons
- [CrossDaily.com](#) - John Bell's Christian Art Gallery, with almost 200 modern scripture-related artworks.
- [Digital Image Archive](#) - reproductions of thousands of woodcuts; from Pitts Theology Library, Emory University
- [EIKON Image Database for Biblical Studies](#) - "a faculty-library initiative at Yale Divinity School that provides digital resources for teaching and research in the field of Biblical studies"; large and rapidly growing searchable database
- [Icons Explained](#) - "A Guide to Byzantine Icons, Frescoes and Mosaics - From Constantinople to Macedonia to Russia, and around the world."
- [Images of Jesus](#) - digital art by Max Edward Cordonnier
- [Images of Jesus](#) - a collection by Prof. Anne McGuire, Haverford College; includes related student projects
- [Ioan Popei](#) - unique religious icons hand-painted by this contemporary artist from Romania
- [Jesus Paintings and Christian Art](#) - a collection by contemporary artist Spencer Williams
- [John August Swanson](#) - a contemporary artist from Los Angeles with a distinctively beautiful style
- [Links to Images of Jesus on the Web](#) - mostly from Catholic and Orthodox website; compiled on the "Mystical Rose" website
- [Monastery Icons](#) - original paintings in traditional styles, from the monks of the Light of Christ Monastery, Borrego Springs, CA
- [New Testament Gateway: Art and Images](#) - from Mark Goodacre's comprehensive site

- [The Printery House: Icons](#) - from Conception Abbey in Conception, Missouri
- [St. Isaac's Bookstore](#) - very large collection of "Orthodox Byzantine Icons," from St. Isaac of Syria Skete (a Russian Orthodox monastery in Wisconsin)
- [The Saint John's Bible](#) - a new project "illuminating the new millennium"; from St. John's Abbey and University, Collegeville, MN
- [Symbols in Christian Art and Architecture](#) - free, mostly small images and symbols, by Walter E. Gast
- [Theology Library: Art](#) - a very extensive collection of links, by Gerald Darring
- [Trinity Stores](#) - modern icon-style paintings by artist Robert Lentz (and other artists), including such NT figures as the Syro-Phoenician woman, Mary Magdalene, Jude the Apostle, Joseph of Nazareth, and of course various depictions of Mary and of Jesus. Also a series of "Women of the New Testament" by artist Louis Glanzman.
- [? Jesus Christ-Images, Art and Photographs](#) - large selection of images from many different artistic styles; compiled by Greg Webb (*no longer online- was <http://www.clark.net/pub/webbge/jesus.htm>*)

### **Some Websites with Contemporary Christian Biblically-Based Music:**

- [The Music of Karl Kohlhasse](#) - Music with a Message; inspirational songs available over the internet or on CD (for free!)
- [Gospel Music Lyrics](#) - Lyrics for Gospel music and other Christian songs

### **Some Online Museums and Art Collections:**

- [The Artchive](#)
- [Artcom Museum Tour](#)
- [Art Find](#) (commercial)
- [CGFA](#)
- [National Gallery of Art](#)
- [Web Gallery of Art](#)
- [WebMuseum](#)

### **Search Engines and General Links:**

- [Artyclopedia](#)
- [Art Directory, at Art-Bridge](#)
- [Religious Resources on the Web: Art and Images](#)
- [World Wide Arts Resources](#)

[http://www.allposters.com/-st/Religion-Spirituality-Posters\\_c6635\\_.htm](http://www.allposters.com/-st/Religion-Spirituality-Posters_c6635_.htm) Over 15,000 art images (available to buy) which relate to Religion and Spirituality, including Biblical figures, various religions etc.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,983854-1,00.html> Are the Bible Stories True? Time Magazine, Dec 1995

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<http://www.irish-biblical-association.com/>

**Link to sites of interest:**

- [Biblical Resource Sites](#)
- [British New Testament Society](#)
- [Catholic Biblical Association of America](#)
- [Catholic Biblical Association of Canada](#)
- [Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain](#)
- [Catholic Biblical Federation](#)
- [CatholicIreland.net](#)
- [Chester Beatty Library](#)
- [CTRT \(Churches Theological Research Trust\)](#)
- [Electronic New Testament Educational Resources](#)
- [Irish Theological Association](#)
- [Mater Dei Institute of Education](#)
- [Maynooth College](#)
- [Milltown Institute](#)
- [New Testament Gateway](#)
- [Old Testament Gateway](#)
- [Resource Pages for Biblical Studies](#)
- [Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas](#)
- [Tanakh - Resources for Academic Study](#)
- [The Society for Old Testament Study](#)