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FDT 3330 Christology

Monday 28 May 2007

09.15-11.15

1. Either (a) One of the laudable contributions of Hans Urs von Balthasar to theology is the way he presents the paschal mystery. Describe his presentation of the mystery.
Or (b) "Jesus did not work by words alone, but with actions. He did more than talk; he did things" (Walter Kasper, *Jesus the Christ*, p.89). Explain how the Kingdom of God was proclaimed by words and deeds. In your opinion which of the two was more effective? Discuss.
Or (c) In which ways did Jesus shock his contemporaries? How and why did he leave such a great impression upon them? Does this have any bearing on his ultimate destiny? Elaborate.

2. Either (a) Explain why the context leading to and experienced at the Council of Ephesus lies at the other end of the spectrum of the context leading to the Council of Chalcedon and the latter's teachings. Give the more important contributions of one of these ecumenical councils to Christology.
Or (b) Describe the significance of these christological titles: Son of Man; the Prophet; Messiah; Son of David. If you were entrusted with the catechesis of a catechumen, which of these titles *or* which other title would you emphasise most when talking about Jesus Christ? Why?