

In the year of the exposition of the Holy Shroud which will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> April to 23<sup>rd</sup> May. During this exposition, Pope Benedict XVI will visit Turin on 2<sup>nd</sup> of May and will preside at a Holy Mass in the atrium of the city's Cathedral. This will be the first time that the Shroud will be exposed after its restoration since 2002. To be able to understand better this venerable cloth we divided this course in four units.

Each of them, will help us to understand in a clear and objective way from a particular perspective: what the Holy Shroud is and as well as the first investigations done. Furthermore, we also count on the invaluable consultation of Dr. John Jackson and his wife Rebecca, Dr. Emanuela Marinelli; and as well as Dr. David Oddo Benavides.

Duration: Four weeks (30 hours chronological)

#### **UNIT 1:**

##### **1. What is the Shroud of Turin?**

- Description of the linen.
- Marks on the linen.
- The image of the crucified
- The punishment and flogging.
- The crown of thorns.
- The wounds of the face
- Taking the patibulum.
- The Crucifixion.
- Death.

#### **UNIT 2:**

##### **How did you find us the Shroud?**

- The tomb and the first century
- Middle East.
- Europe.
- The ostentations and Congresses of Sindonology
- Fire and new conservation.

#### **UNIT 3:**

##### **Really what is the Shroud?**

- Photography.
- Three-dimensionality.
- The coins on the eyes.
- Pollen and dust.
- The iconography and art
- The blood and DNA.

#### **UNIT 4:**

##### **The questions that remain open**

- The dating of the fabric and carbon-14.
- A picture is unique and unrepeatably.
- The formation of the image.
- Is it possible to make a forgery?
- Probability of authenticity

#### **UNIT 5:**

##### **The Church and the Holy Shroud**

- The Popes and the Holy Shroud.
- An approach to the Shroud from the faith.
- After radiocarbon-14.
- The message of the Shroud of John Paul II and Benedict XVI.