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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

JESUS SEMINAR ON THE ROAD COMES TO OKC

TULSA: Where does Mary Magdalene fit in with Peter and Paul? This question will be addressed in an upcoming seminar, September 25-26, in Oklahoma City.

The seminar will feature Bernard Brandon Scott, Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Okla. and Kathleen E. Corley, Oshkosh Northwestern Distinguished Professor at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh. They will discuss *Peter, Paul, and Mary: Three Early Christian Voices* on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26 at Mayflower Congregational (UCC) Church, 3901 NW 63rd Street, in Oklahoma City.

Three lectures are planned for this two-day event. Slated for Friday from 7:30 – 9 p.m. is *Mary Magdalene, the Woman Who Knew Too Much*. The Saturday morning workshop begins at 9 a.m. with *Peter and Paul: Face-off in Antioch*. The afternoon session starts at 1 p.m. and will discuss *Christian Origins: Historical and Ethical Issues for the Church*.

“We will show the importance of three key figures in early Christianity – Peter, Paul and Mary Magdalene. People are used to taking Peter and Paul as important but not Mary Magdalene. In fact, she is a major influence in early Christianity and is certainly equal to Peter and Paul,” said Scott.

Scott earned his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University in 1971. He is a charter member of the Jesus Seminar. His course offerings in recent years have included New Testament Greek, Introduction to the New Testament, Romans, The Historical Jesus, Theological Issues in Film, and the PTS Borderlinks study tour. Scott has authored several books, including *Hear Then the Parable* (1989), *Re-Imagine the World* (2002), and served as editor of *Jesus Reconsidered* (2007).

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Kathleen E. Corley (Ph.D. Claremont Graduate School) is a member of the Steering Committee of the Historical Jesus Section in the Society of Biblical Literature. Her books include *Private Women, Public Meals* (1993) and *Women and the Historical Jesus* (2002).

Pre-registration (by Sept. 11, 2009) is \$60 for this two-day event. Registration after Sept. 11 is \$75. Cost for a single session is: Friday evening lecture: \$20; Saturday morning lecture \$30; and the Saturday afternoon workshop is also \$30.

The Jesus Seminar on the Road is a traveling seminar that brings Fellows of the Jesus Seminar into conversation with interested people across North America and around the world.

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