

“The Jesus of the Shroud. Between history, sources and mysteries”, the conference in Ovindoli

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Ovindoli. The National Carabinieri Association of Tagliacozzo and Ostia, accepting the invitation of the parish priest and indigo of Ovindoli , Angelo Ciminelli, proposes a conference, organized by Prof. Rita Libertini and Prof. Emanuela Marinelli, for exploring the historicity of Jesus and make known the SHROUD in all its aspects: historical, scientific and religious.

In the Multimedia Room of Ovindoli, where the conference will be held, a life- size copy of the Shroud will be exhibited.

The various problems linked, still today, to Jesus, His death and to this cloth which, for many, is still a mystery will be addressed.

So here are some key questions: Did Jesus really exist? How did the death of Him unfold? Is He really the Man of the Shroud? Is the Shroud really the funeral sheet of Jesus or is it something else?

Do the Gospels narrate real events or do they just want to give us a hidden meaning? The answers are not secondary because they deeply affect our life. Certainly the debate on Jesus is still open; the Shroud, in fact, is the most studied archaeological find in the world and the Gospels, briefly, constitute its only true interpretative key.

This bond between Jesus, the Shroud and the Gospels therefore suggested to the speakers to combine the most recent scientific research on the Shroud cloth with an equally scientific and documented investigation on the reliability of the facts contained in the Gospels regarding the last hours of Jesus and the Shroud cloth, then summarizing everything in a short lecture, with the results of the natural and historical sciences, through a language that is understandable and accessible to all, in order to offer an indispensable synthesis for those who want to delve into the deepest questions linked to Jesus , to His history, Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Prof. Rita Libertini graduated in Humanities - Languages and cultures of the classical world at LUMSA (Free University of Maria Santissima Assunta) in 2015 and, in Philology, Literature and Histories of Antiquity at the Roma Tre University in 2018. History, adjunct professor, as an expert on the subject she has participated in various conferences and has published the essays Jesus, history and sources (2014), Flagellation and Crucifixion of

Jesus between narration and history (2021). She collaborated in the drafting of some historical texts and published numerous articles in various sector magazines.

The sindonologist Prof. Emanuela Marinelli graduated in Natural Sciences and Geological Sciences at the “La Sapienza” University of Rome and has taught in state schools. She has been a lecturer in Italy and abroad, she has participated in various broadcasts on the subject, she has written many articles and published more than twenty books on the Shroud, translated into various languages: among these, *Luce dal Sepolcro* (2015), *Via Sindonis* (2022).