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**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY**  
**RE 21560 NEW TESTAMENT TIMES AND LITERATURE**  
**Spring 2001**  
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**DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides an overview of the New Testament including, but not limited to, historical information and influences as well as a literary analysis of the Gospels. We will examine the theological development of the identity of Jesus Christ as well as discuss the role of the New Testament as it applies to various faith backgrounds.

**OBJECTIVES:**

1. To encourage students to reflect on the historical, political and religious events at the time when the different portions of New Testament literature were written.
2. To contrast the different images of Jesus revealed in the New Testament and discern both areas shared in common and areas of difference.
3. To lead students beyond basic facts to a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ as revealed through New Testament literature.
4. To examine current social issues and consider the application of Gospel values in context of today's culture and events.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Presence and active participation in all scheduled class meetings.
2. Completion of all assignments and exam.

**GRADING:**

40% class attendance  
15% mid-term exam  
25% written assignments assigned weekly  
20% final paper/presentation

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Knowledge of the subject matter from textbook, class lectures and discussion, and independent research.
2. Ability to apply above knowledge to current culture and events.
3. Ability to understand (but not necessarily agree with) subject matter from different viewpoints and/or beliefs.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:**

*Reading The New Testament* by P. Perkins  
*Holy Bible*

**SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS:**

- April 7      Introductory overview of the New Testament  
              Chapters 1 and 2
- April 14     Life and preaching of Jesus  
              Chapters 3 and 4
- April 21     Post-Easter Jesus and beginnings of Christology  
              Chapters 5 and 6
- April 28     Gospels of Mark and Matthew  
              Chapters 12 and 13
- May 5        Gospel of John and mid-term exam  
              Chapter 15
- May 12      Luke/Acts  
              Chapters 14, 16
- May 19      Paul's life and world  
              Chapters 7 and 8
- May 26      Early Christianity  
              Chapters 9, 10, 11
- June 2       Hebrews and Pastoral, Catholic and Johannine epistles  
              Chapters 17, 18, 19, 20
- June 9       Revelation and final paper presentation  
              Chapter 21