

COURSE # 215 NEW TESTAMENT TIMES AND LITERATURE

FALL INTERIM 2000

HISTORICAL-CRITICAL METHOD; LATE JUDAISM & THE HELLENTISTIC POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT; LITERARY ANALYSIS OF THE GOSPELS; AND THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE IDENTITY OF CHRIST, THE END OF THE WORLD, SALVATION AND THE CHURCH.

GOAL: To provide insight into (and invite appreciation for) the person and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, as found in the Books of the New Testament. Within scope of early Christianity's belief & praxis, evidenced in diverse communities and moments with both unity & pluriformity, this course aims to present New Testament times and literature as a rich mosaic of Christianity's primal era. This course provides a base for and suggests a key to evaluating all church history that follows upon the Jesus event.

Objectives:

- 1) to survey the varied body of literature and school of authors of the New Testament with a view toward highlighting their value & function as enduring foundational documents for church and civilization
- 2) to contrast the different images of Jesus as the Christ contained in the documents, and to discern both their common and their particular features for inviting and directing humankind to faith
- 3) to articulate the essential beliefs and values of New Testament writings, which emerged out of Judaism & the Graeco-Roman world, in a way that accords with historical critical methods used in contemporary biblical scholarship for the sake of securing mature faith and advancing Tradition
- 4) to note the theo-moral concerns and struggles of the earliest Christians from antiquity in hopes of arousing concerns of similar or greater value in a world that knows the same or greater struggles
- 5) to acknowledge the New Testament Way of holiness, as one linking Christians of all ages and correlative with other religious ways & traditions, peoples & movements in history

Requirements:

- 1) presence & participation in all scheduled classes for the course
- 2) completion of all assignments/projects as given throughout the course
 - a) assigned readings in text
 - b) paper: select 5 passages from the New Testament writings and make a one page reflection on the challenge of each text for a person living in the modern world [the 5 typed page research-reflection paper is due at time of the last class]
- 3) satisfactory completion of all examinations during the semester

Recommendations:

- 1) notebook for recording information during class presentations and assigned readings
- 2) research & reading of extra materials relevant to the course
- 3) attentive & participative class presence to foster learning attitude & aptitude

Grading: 25% class presence & participation 25% mid-course exam
25% course project: 5 page paper 25% final exam

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<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASS SCHEDULE/READING/VIEWING ASSIGNMENTS</u>
I.	F (9/15)	Introduction Christianity & Scripture (1-22) The Pre-history of Jesus (23-50) The Jesus of History (51-77)
II.	S (9/16)	The Preaching of Jesus (78-90) The Death & Resurrection of Jesus (91-97)
III.	M (9/18)	The Jesus Movement Become Church (98-113) The World of Early Christianity & Paul of Tarsus (114-134) Film
IV.	W (9/20)	The Life of Paul (135-159) The Writings of Paul I (160-190)
V.	F (9/22)	The Writings of Paul II (191-202) Introduction to the Gospels
VI.	S (9/23)	Mark (203-213) Matthew (214-228) Review
VII.	M (9/25)	<u>Mid-Course Exam</u> Luke (229-241) John (242-254) Acts of the Apostles (255-269)
VIII.	T (9/26)	Hebrews (270-280) The Pastorals (281-292) The Catholic Epistles (293-303)
IX.	W (9/27)	The Johannine Epistles (304-311) Revelation (312-328) Christianity & Empire
X.	F (9/29)	Overview: New Testament - Retrospective/Prospective <u>Final Exam</u> (Papers due)

Class Meetings: Monday thru Friday: 1645-2055/Saturday: 08:00-12:10 [Pearl Harbor]

Text: Introduction to the New Testament [P. Perkins/Paulist Press]

Teacher: Prof. David Anderson (947-8922)

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