

**INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT
 SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2019
 ON THE WAY SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE**

Course Description:

This course is a survey of the literature of first-century Christianity with readings from the gospels, Acts, and the Pauline and pastoral letters. Topics include the literary structure, audience, and religious perspective of the writings, as well as the historical and cultural context of the early Christian community. Upon completion, students should be able to use the tools of critical analysis to read and understand New Testament literature.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS

- **THE MIGHTY ACTS OF GOD** by Arnold B. Rhodes. Make sure to get the Revised Ed. 2000. Can be bought on Amazon - <http://bit.ly/Mighty-Acts-Of-God>.
- Other readings/handouts as assigned.
- BIBLE: You are highly encouraged to use the New Revised Standard Version for this course, as this translation is considered by most Biblical scholars to be one of the best renderings of the ancient Hebrew and Greek texts. An excellent Bible is the NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE. This Bible is a wonderful study Bible that will be a tremendous asset for this course. Other acceptable translations are: NIV, RSV, KJV. Be wary of paraphrases, like "The Message" and the "Good News Bible." Consult me if you have any questions.
- I would suggest reading Mighty Acts of God and any other assigned readings first, followed by the Bible.

Student Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze, in order of canonical appearance, the books of the New Testament.
2. Explain the significance of the major people, places, themes, and types of literature in the New Testament.
3. Explain the theological importance of major individuals, events, and stories to the history of the Hebrew people.
4. Interpret a passage of the New Testament using critical analysis in light of its historical significance.
5. Examine and analyze information about the Bible from a variety of historic and contemporary sources.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

WEEK	TOPIC	BIBLE	RHODES
Sept. 23	Introduction to the New Testament – Overview of the Gospels Gospel of Mark	Mark 1:1-45; 2:23-3:19a; 4:1-7:30 Mark 8:22-9:8; 10:17-45; 11:1-12:34; 14:1-16:17	Pgs. 223-242, 249

Sept. 30	Gospel of Matthew	Matthew 1:1-4:25; 5:1-7:28; 10:1-42; 13:1-58; 18:1-35; 23:1-25:46; 27:1-28:30	pgs. 243-254
Oct. 7	Gospel of Luke	Luke 1:1-2:25; 4:1-5:11; 6:20-31; 7:11-17, 36-50; 8:4-18; 10:25-37; 14:1-16:31; 24:1-53	Pgs. 255-263
Oct. 14	Gospel of John	John 1:1-51; 2:1-4:54; 5:2-9; 6:1-25; 9:1-8; 11:1-45; 20:1-21:24	Pgs. 372-374
Oct. 21	A Comparison of the Four Gospels & Quest for the Historical Jesus Acts - Introduction	Acts 2:1-3:10; 4:1-22; 6:8-8:1a; 9:1-31; 12:1-25	Pgs. 264-283; 295-309
Oct. 28	Acts – Paul’s Missionary Journeys Introduction to Paul	Acts 14:1-15:20; 16:16-40; 17:16-34; 25:1-26:29 1 Corinthians 1:1 – 5:13	pgs. 310-332
Nov. 4	1 and 2 Corinthians	1 Corinthians 6:1 – 16:24; 2 Corinthians 1:1 – 13:13	pgs. 336-344
Nov. 11	Galatians Romans	Galatians 1:1 – 6:18 Romans 1:1-2:29; 5:1-8:39; 12:1-16:27	pgs. 333-336; 345-350
Nov. 18	1 Thessalonians, Philippians, Philemon	Philippians. 1:1-4:23; 1 Thess. 1:1-5:28; Philemon vss. 1-25	pgs. 336, 350, 354
Nov. 25	2 Thessalonians, Colossians, Ephesians Pastoral Epistles	2 Thess. 1:1-3:17; Col. 1:1-4:18; Eph. 1:1-6:24 1 Timothy 1:1-6:21; 2 Timothy 1:1-4:22; Titus 1:1-3:15	pgs. 351-358

<p>Dec. 2</p>	<p>Hebrews James & Jude 1 & 2 Peter; 1,2, & 3 John</p>	<p>Hebrews 1:1-3:6; 8: 1-13:25 James 1:1-5:20; Jude vss. 1-25 1 Peter 1:1-5:14; 2 Peter 1:1-3:18; 1 John 1:1-5:21; 2 John vss. 1-13; 3 John vss. 1-15</p>	<p>pgs. 359-366; 374-378</p>
<p>Dec. 9</p>	<p>Revelation</p>	<p>Revelation 1:1-22:21</p>	<p>pgs. 366-371</p>