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**Fall 2019 (Friday, 6:00 AM)  
NT 2022, New Testament I.  
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Class Hours: 2**

### **COURSE PURPOSE**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – and the Book of Acts in the New Testaments. It is to cause them to know and understand the content of each book, their relationship to each other, and their relationship to the rest of scripture. The student should know how to outline each book, to declare the themes of each book, to show the major divisions of each book, and to know where to find key subject matters in each book.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- The student will be able to describe the formation of the New Testament canon.
- The student will be able to discuss issues of criticism in New Testament scholarship.
- The student will be able to articulate an overview of major New Testament doctrines.
- The student will be able to recognize the covenantal approach to understanding the New Testament.

### **COURSE TEXTS**

#### **Required Texts:**

Bailey, Kenneth E. **Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels.** InterVarsity Press / PO Box 1400 / Downers Grove, IL 60515. ISBN: 978-0-8308-2568-4

Elmer L. Towns (Editor), Ben Gutierrez (Editor) **The Essence of the New Testament: A Survey.** B&H Academic; 2 edition / ISBN-10: 1433644908 / ISBN-13: 978-1433644900

**Certificate students** are required only to read **The Essence of the New Testament: A Survey.**

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS and GRADING

### 1. Class attendance and participation, including surprise quizzes

More than two unexcused absences drops final grade by one letter grade. Completion of reading assignment on time is mandatory.

### 2. Five Short (2-3 page) papers:

These papers are short. There is no room for “smoke blowing.” Be concise and precise. This assignment is about content, but also about written communication (a necessary skill for ministry today). Each paper should be an outline and synopsis for each book presenting the major themes and concepts found in the gospels of **Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts**.

**Certificate students** are to complete **three** of the five assigned Papers.

### 3. Five Book Charts:

Develop a book chart giving the major theme, major divisions, key chapters, key passages, time frame, and chapter titles for each of the gospels and the book of Acts. This book chart should be the result of reading and personal study, rather than looking at what others have done. An example book chart will be given in class.

**Certificate students** are assigned to complete **three** of the five Book Charts

### 4. Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes Book Critique.

This is to be a **critique** of the book. Do not merely summarize the contents; rather evaluate the book’s strengths and weaknesses. As you read, ask yourself and answer these questions, read **critically**:

- ☞ Begin your critique with **the bibliographic information** (Title, author, publisher, place and date of publication) of the book.
- ☞ Write a **brief summary** of the **main** theme and any **major secondary themes** of the author. I do not want a book review. I already know the content. Just give me enough to show you have read and digested the material.
- ☞ Include your **analysis** of the arguments the author sets forth. Your analysis should be focused primarily upon **how faithfully you think the author has interpreted and applied the Scripture.**
- ☞ **Evaluate** how he has either **succeeded or failed** in taking into account **all** of Scripture (in other words, is it a systematic argument or simply a use of some isolated proof texts?) **citing instances** from the book to support your evaluation.
- ☞ Tell me **why you agree or disagree** with his conclusion(s), using the Scriptures to support any differing views you may hold.
- ☞ Conclude with a paragraph that states **what you have gained personally AND professionally** from reading this book.

**Certificate students** are not required to read **Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes** nor required to write a Book Critique.

**5. Final Exam:**

Class lectures, reading, and the papers you write will help you prepare for the final exam.

**BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS**

BTS uses the Turabian style of formatting as a standard for papers. However, students should regard individual professor preferences if they communicate any variance in outlining their requirements for papers. Professors retain discretion in determining how “formal” a paper must be. In this technological age, information is readily available; make sure that you understand about giving reference sources the proper recognition. Please refer to the BTS Student Handbook section on plagiarism for guidance.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

Date	Class Content	Essence of the N.T.	Middle Eastern Eyes	Assignment Due
<b>September</b>				
6	Class Orientation	Chapters 1-2		
13	Matthew	Chapters 3-4	Chapters 1-3	
20	Matthew	Chapter 5	Chapters 4-6	
27	Mark		Chapters 7-9	Matthew Paper & Book Chart
<b>October</b>				
4	Mark	Chapter 6	Chapters 10-12	
11	Luke		Chapters 13-15	Mark Paper & Book Chart
18	Fall Break			
25	Luke	Chapter 7	Chapters 16-18	
<b>November</b>				
1	Dr. Bailey Video		Chapters 19-21	Luke Paper & Book Chart
8	John	Chapter 8	Chapters 22-24	
15	John		Chapters 25-27	John Paper & Book Chart
22	Acts	Chapter 9	Chapters 28-30	
29	Thanksgiving Break			
<b>December</b>				
6	Acts		Chapters 31-32	Acts Paper & Book Chart
13	Final Exam			Jesus M Eastern Book Critique
20	Final Grades Due			

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