

BS 204CC/BS 204DC - Gospels SYLLABUS

3 Hour or 4 Hour Course

Description

A study of the earthly life of Christ as revealed in the four Gospels. Attention is given to the political, religious, biblical, and geographical backgrounds. A chronology of events and a harmony of the Gospels are established. Biblical passages are analyzed. The character and purpose of the Gospels and the Person and ministry of Christ is analyzed.

Objectives

By taking this course the student will:

1. Understand the chronological sequence in Christ's life and ministry.
2. Comprehend how the Gospels harmonize chronologically.
3. Personally apply Scripture to life.
4. Develop Bible study skills.
5. Interpret Scripture from a literal grammatical approach.

Materials

The following books are required for this course:

New Testament History

F.F. Bruce, Anchor Books, 1972

SBN: 0385025335

A Short Life of Christ

Everett Harrison, Eerdmans, 1979

SBN: 0802818242

The NIV Harmony of the Gospels

Robert Thomas & Stanley Gundry, Harper and Row, 1988

ISBN: 0060635231

A Pocket Style Manual. 5th edition

Hacker, Diana. Boston, MA: Bedford/ St. Martins.

ISBN: 031266480X

Learning Experiences

1. Read and take notes on the texts.
2. Develop a detailed outline of Matthew.
3. Summarize the book of Luke.
4. Research and write an academic paper(s).

Grading

Grades will be assessed according to the following criteria:

	<u>3 Hour</u>	<u>4 Hour</u>
Reading and Notes	47.5%	40%
Outline and Summary	32.5%	30%
Research Paper 1	20%	15%
Research Paper 2		15%

Selected Bibliography

The following bibliography has been prepared to enhance further study of this subject. These sources may be used for research projects included in the class.

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- Tenney, Merrill C., ed. *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*. 5 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1975.
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- Wight, Fred. *Manners and Customs of Bible Lands*. Chicago: Moody, 1953.