NEW TESTAMENT – SYLLABUS

T 5-6/R 6
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Purpose:
The primary focus of the course will be to acquaint the beginning student with the literary, social, historical, and religious contexts of the various New Testament writings.

Required Texts:
K. Aland et al, Synopsis of the Four Gospels in English
The Harper Collins Study Bible (New Revised Standard Version)

Course grade:
10% Historical and Theological Backgrounds Test
40% Gospels Exam
50% Paul and Post-Pauline Exam (80% Paul, 20% Post-Pauline)

Attendance is required at all class meetings. Excessive unexcused absenteeism will result in lowering of the student’s grade.

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Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.
Assignments

It is important to remind students that lectures given in this class are the property of the University/faculty member and may not be taped without prior permission from the lecturer and may not be used for any commercial purpose. Students found to be in violation may be subject to discipline under the University Student Conduct Code.

In addition to the reading assignments listed below, some specific discussion topics will periodically be posted on the class website or emailed to the class listserv at least one day in advance of the topic to be covered.

Jan 7  General Introduction to the Course
        Ehrman, pp. 11-12 (Some Additional Reflections . . .)
        Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xiii-xix, xxxi-xxxiii

9, 14  Historical/Theological Background
16, 21  Ehrman, pp. xxix-xxxi, 14-45
        Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxiv-xxxv, xliiv-lvi

23  HISTORICAL AND THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUNDS TEST

28  What is the NT? - Preconceptions and Biases
        Ehrman, pp. 1-11
        Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxix-xliii
        Introduction to the Gospels: The Synoptic Problem
        Ehrman, pp. 46-59, 155-164
        Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. 1653-1663

30, Feb 5  Gospel of Mark
        Ehrman, pp. 60-76
        Gospel of Mark

7, 12  Gospel of Matthew
        Ehrman, pp. 77-94
        Gospel of Matthew
         Ehrman, pp. 95-111, 165-181
         Gospel of Luke; Acts 1-12

21, 26   Gospel of John
         Ehrman, pp. 112-127
         Gospel of John

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**GOSPELS EXAM**

Mar 2-10   SPRING BREAK

12   Introduction to Paul; Acts 13-28
     Ehrman, pp. 182-200 (review pp. 165-181)
     Acts 13-28 (see also Harper Collins Study Bible, p. 1908)
     1, 2 Thessalonians
     Ehrman, pp. 201-215, 264-269
     1,2 Thessalonians

14, 19   Galatians
         Ehrman, pp. 233-241
         Galatians

21, 26   1, 2 Corinthians
         Ehrman, pp. 216-232
         1,2 Corinthians

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Apr 2    Romans
         Ehrman, pp. 250-263
         Romans

4   Philippians, Philemon
    Ehrman, pp. 241-249
    Philippians, Philemon
9, 11  Colossians, Ephesians, Pastoral Epistles (1, 2 Timothy, Titus)
       Ehrman, pp. 269-296 (review 264-266)
       Ephesians, 1, 2 Timothy, Titus

16, 18  Post-Pauline Literature
       Ehrman, pp. 297-348
       Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, Jude, 2 Peter, Book of Revelation

23  **PAUL AND POST-PAULINE EXAM**