THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS
MWF 6 (12:50-1:40)
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Course Description:
The goal of the course is to introduce the student to the wide variety of descriptions and interpretations of the various aspects of the life of Jesus, both within the canon of the New Testament and outside the canon. As such the course seeks to distinguish between the presentations rather than to harmonize them. Ultimately, the various texts will provide a window into some of the earliest forms of Christianity.

Required Texts:
- Aland, K. Synopsis of the Four Gospels In English
- Ehrman, B., and Plese, Z., The Apocryphal Gospels: Texts and Translations
- Adams, E. Parallel Lives of Jesus: A Guide to the Four Gospel

Course Grade:
- 30% Class Participation
- 20% Oral Presentation(s)
- 50% Research Paper

Attendance is required at all class meetings. Excessive unexcused absences will result in a reduction of the course grade.

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ASSIGNMENTS

**AUG 25**
Introduction

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Biblical Studies: Method
Parallel Lives, pp. 3-37

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Gospel Of Mark
Parallel Lives, pp. 41-60

**SEP 1**
Labor Day – No class

3
Gospel Of Matthew
Parallel Lives, pp. 61-81

5
Gospel Of Luke
Parallel Lives, pp. 82-101

8
Gospel of John
Parallel Lives, pp. 102-122

10, 12
Birth, Infancy, and Childhood
Synopsis, p. 341, #’s 1-17

15, 17, 19
There’s Something about Mary ... and Joseph, and ..... Apocryphal Gospels, pp. 3-193

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Baptism, Temptation ... and John’s Take
Parallel Lives, pp. 125-132
Synopsis, pp. 341-42, #’s 18-29

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Beginnings in Galilee
Synopsis, p. 342, #’s 30-49

26, 29
Sermon on the Mount/Plain
Synopsis, pp. 343-44, #’s 50-83

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*Parallel Lives*, pp. 155-64  
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| 27 | Judea  
*Synopsis*, pp. 350-351, #'s 251-286 |
| 29 | Eschatological Discourses, Matthew Parables  
*Synopsis*, p. 352, #'s 287-304 |
| 31, NOV 3 | Apocryphal Gospels  
*Apocryphal Gospels*, pp. 197-299, 303-367 |
| 5 | Coptic/Gnostic Gospel Of Thomas  
*Apocryphal Gospels*, pp. 303-349 |
| 7 | Up to Gethsemane  
*Synopsis*, p. 353, #'s 305-316 |
| 10 | Farewell Discourses: John  
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| 12 | Arrest and Trial  
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| 14 | Crucifixion and Burial  
*Parallel Lives*, pp. 165-74  
*Synopsis*, p. 354, #'s 344-351 |
| 17 | Resurrection  
*Parallel Lives*, pp. 175-87  
*Synopsis*, p. 355, #'s 352-361 |
| 19 | Endings  
*Parallel Lives*, pp. 188-89  
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