

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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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

AUG 25	Introduction
27	Biblical Studies: Method <u>Parallel Lives</u> , pp. 3-37
29	Gospel Of Mark <u>Parallel Lives</u> , pp. 41-60
SEP 1	Labor Day – No class
3	Gospel Of Matthew <u>Parallel Lives</u> , pp. 61-81
5	Gospel Of Luke <u>Parallel Lives</u> , pp. 82-101
8	Gospel of John <u>Parallel Lives</u> , pp. 102-122
10, 12	Birth, Infancy, and Childhood <u>Synopsis</u> , p. 341, #'s 1-17
15, 17, 19	There's Something about Mary ... and Joseph, and <u>Apocryphal Gospels</u> , pp. 3-193
22	Baptism, Temptation ... and John's Take <u>Parallel Lives</u> , pp. 125-132 <u>Synopsis</u> , pp. 341-42, #'s 18-29
24	Beginnings in Galilee <u>Synopsis</u> , p. 342, #'s 30-49
26, 29	Sermon on the Mount/Plain <u>Synopsis</u> , pp. 343-44, #'s 50-83
OCT 1, 3	More Galilee <u>Synopsis</u> , pp. 344-45, #'s 84-109
6, 8	Galilee: Disputes and Parables <u>Synopsis</u> , pp. 345-46, #'s 110-139

- 10, 13 Galilee: Feedings and Healings
Parallel Lives, pp. 133-54
Synopsis, pp. 346-47, #'s 140-156
- 15, 20 Galilee: Peter's Confession
Parallel Lives, pp. 155-64
Synopsis, p. 347, #'s 157-173
- 22, 24 Headed for Jerusalem: Luke
Synopsis, pp. 347-350, #'s 174-250
- 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
Synopsis, p. 353, #'s 317-329
- 12 Arrest and Trial
Synopsis, p. 354, #'s 330-343
- 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
Synopsis, p. 355, #'s 362-367
- 21 Gospel Of Peter, Gospel of Judas
Apocryphal Gospels, pp. 371-417

24	Gospel Of Nicodemus <u>Apocryphal Gospels</u> , pp. 419-489
26, 28	Thanksgiving Break – no class
DEC 1, 3	Pontius Pilate <u>Apocryphal Gospels</u> , pp. 471-567
5	Joseph of Arimathea <u>Apocryphal Gospels</u> , pp. 569-585
8	Gospel According to Mary (the other one) <u>Apocryphal Gospels</u> , pp. 587-611
10	Conclusion