

New Testament Survey: The Background, Gospels, and Acts
NT 3166 Spring 2006 Instructor: Steve Weaver

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Tentative Class/Course Schedule

Reading assignments for each session are found in the study guide.

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| April 20 | Class Introduction Session 1 - The Political History of Palestine during the Intertestamental Period |
| May 4 | Session 2 - Life in the World of the New Testament Session 3 - The Religious Background to the New Testament |
| May 11 | Session 4 - Canon, Text, and Genre of the New Testament Session 5 - Learning about Jesus <i>Test #1 - Lessons 1-4</i> |
| May 18 | Session 6 - The Synoptic Problem Session 7 - An Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels |
| May 25 | Session 8 - An Introduction to the Gospel of John Session 9 - The Birth, Childhood, and Early Ministry of Jesus |
| June 1 | Session 10 - Jesus' Ministry in and around Galilee, Part I Session 11 - Jesus' Ministry in and around Galilee, Part II |
| June 8 | Session 12 - The Later Judean and Perea Ministry Session 13 - The Final Week of Jesus' Life, Part I |
| June 15 | Session 14 - The Final Week of Jesus' Life, Part II Session 15 - Introduction to Acts <i>Test #2 - Lessons 5-14</i> |
| June 22 | <i>Class Does Not Meet! Work on Paper!</i> |
| June 29 | Session 16 - The Role of Peter in Early Christianity Session 17 - The Role of Paul in the Spread of Christianity <i>Paper Due!!!</i> <i>Test #3 - Lessons 15-17</i> |
| July 6 | Collect Test #3 Concluding Matters Handout Final Exam |
| July 20 | Final Exam Due (Mail to address shown above) |

Textbooks

The New Testament, Its Background and Message (2nd Edition) by Thomas D. Lea, Broadman & Holman, 2003.

Introducing the New Testament by Joe Blair, Broadman & Holman, 1994.

Course Requirements

- 1. Class Attendance:** Students must attend at least 75% of classes. Obviously, the student's success in the class will depend upon regular attendance. If a class is missed, the student is responsible for keeping up with the reading assignments and to secure the lecture notes from a classmate.
- 2. Weekly Assignments:** Students are expected to do the assigned reading in the textbooks as noted in the *Study Guide* before each class, as well as to complete the Learning Exercises for each lesson.
- 3. Research Paper/Sermon:** Each student is required to write either a research paper on some relevant topic to this course or a sermon manuscript from a selected passage in the Gospels or Acts. The research should be a minimum of 6 pages (typed and double spaced with footnotes). The sermon manuscript should be a minimum of 5 pages (typed and double spaced). This written project will be **due on June 29th!**
- 4. Exams:** There will be three unit exams and a final exam. Each of the unit exams will be turned in the following week. The final exam may be mailed to the instructor, postdated no later than **July 20th!**

Grade Breakdown

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| Unit Exams - 10 % each (total of 30 %) | |
| Final Exam ----- | 40 % |
| Research Paper/Sermon ----- | <u>30 %</u> |
| | 100 % |

Grading Scale

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| A ----- | 90 - 100 |
| B ----- | 80 - 89 |
| C ----- | 70 - 79 |
| F ----- | Below 70 |