

**NORTHEAST BIBLICAL INSTITUTE**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS: NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY 1: THE GOSPELS & THE LIFE OF CHRIST**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

The Gospels & The Life of Christ is a course designed to improve the students understanding of the time, place, social structure and people during Jesus' earthly life, as well as His core teachings. Students will complete a study of the four Gospel accounts of Jesus' life from the Incarnation to His Ascension, as well as consider His future return. Through reading, studying, and discussion, students will gain a deeper knowledge of the four Gospels with special emphasis on the teachings and parables of Jesus

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Whether you are a relatively new believer in Jesus Christ or if you have known and grown in Christ for a number of years and need further encouragement and edification, this course will greatly help you by clearly and faithfully explaining the utmost importance of knowing our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. Students will gain a deeper understanding of Jesus and His impact on the world. My hope for this course goes beyond academic achievement. My hope is that Christ will touch your life as He touched His first disciples, leading you to joyfully worship and serve Him as you minister His love, teachings and grace to others.

Oswald Chambers once wrote: *"It is possible to know all about doctrine and still not know Jesus. A person's soul is in grave danger when the knowledge of doctrine surpasses Jesus, avoiding intimate touch with Him."* (My Utmost for His Highest)

This course is not designed to replace the student's personal devotion to the Lord. Guard your heart and your time, and keep yourself positioned close to the Lord so that His Spirit may continue the work of sanctification in your life. To that end, integrate your studies with your walk of faith; reflect on the content of the course and evaluate your life in light of what you are learning. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

**COURSE TEXTS:** The Bible version of your choice. Students will read all four Gospels in their entirety; A Popular Survey of the New Testament by Norman Geisler, Why the Passion by Greg Laurie, though not required, the student will do well to purchase or acquire a Harmony of the Gospels such as AT Robertson, or download the Harmony from the Blue Letter Bible.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES, ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING, AND POLICIES

### 1. Participation

- a. **Begin each study session and lesson with prayer**, committing yourself to being open to the Holy Spirit in your life. Any study of the Bible is meant to change lives, improve them, and draw the student closer to God. Ask the Lord for insight into how the message of your study can impact your life, your relationships, and your ministry.
- b. **Arrive to class early**. There's an old saying which I adhere to: "Better three hours early than three minutes late!" Turn off your cell phone prior to class; be respectful during discussions & lectures; submit course assignments on time. Commit yourself, wholeheartedly, to the entire course to study diligently and seek to grow closer to the Lord and your fellow students.
- c. **Late Policy**. Any assignments turned in after the scheduled due date are penalized five percent (5%) of the original value per day including weekends, breaks, and holidays. No work will be accepted more than a week after the due date.
- d. **Classroom participation**. Part of the student's grade will be based on how much he/she participates in class.
- e. **Missed Classes**. Each missed class will result in a 5% of the student's grade unless he/she contacts the professor beforehand (or shortly after the start of the class) with a valid excuse (e.g., emergencies and illnesses).

### 2. Reading

Read the assigned Scripture passages, book chapters, articles, etc., before each class. When reading each text have your Harmony easily accessible. Take notes in a separate notebook. These notes may come in handy later as you are called to teach others.

### 3. Writing Assignments

A 5 to 8-page **term paper** will be due on the last week of class. Students will have two weeks between lesson 7 and lesson 8 in which to complete the term-paper. The term paper will describe one important aspect of Jesus' life such as His birth, teaching style, relationship with various types of people, prophesy's, His crucifixion, ascension, Second Coming.

Each week students will write a 1-page **reflection paper** answering the following: Think about the days lesson: What theme or principle was the most important to you? Why is it significant?

Think about your past. Has God spoken to you about healing from past hurts? Clarification from past confusion? Has He revealed any areas of personal or spiritual weakness to you?

Think about the future. Specifically, as a result of this lesson, what individual steps can you take to affect your thoughts and actions to be more Christ-like?

#### 4. GRADING

Seven Reflection Papers	28 total points
Term Paper	49 total points
Classroom Participation & Reading Assignments	23 total points

#### Grade:

A

B

C

#### Points:

90-100

80-89

70-79