NEW TESTAMENT – SYLLABUS
T 5-6/R6
Anderson 21

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Office Hours:
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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:
30% Gospels Exam
30% Pauline Exam
15% Post-Pauline Exam
15% ONE paper (book about the Historical Jesus or Paul) -- due MAY 3 (5-6 pp.)
10% Attendance and daily class assignments

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at:
https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx

Grading Scale:
Final letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale:
A  93-100 C+  77-79
A-  90-92 C   73-76
B+  87-89 C-  70-72
B   83-86 D   60-69
B-  80-82 E   0-59

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**Course Evaluations:**
Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations at [https://evaluations.ufl.edu](https://evaluations.ufl.edu).

**Classroom Accommodations:**
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 9**

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

**11**

What is the NT? - Preconceptions and Biases
Ehrman, pp. 1-11
Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxix-xlili

**16, 18**

Historical/Theological Background
Ehrman, pp. 14-45, pp. between 167 and 168
Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxiv-xxxv, xlv-lvi

**23**

Introduction to the Gospels: The Synoptic Problem (1st hour)
Ehrman, pp. 46-61, 158-167
Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. 1653-1663

**23, 25, 30**

Gospel of Mark (2nd hour Jan 23)
Ehrman, pp. 61-76
Gospel of Mark

**FEB 1, 6**

Gospel of Matthew
Ehrman, pp. 77-94
Gospel of Matthew
   Ehrman, pp. 95-111; 168-184
   Gospel of Luke; Acts 1-12

15, 20 Gospel of John
   Ehrman, pp. 112-130
   Gospel of John

22 Introduction: to Paul; Acts 13-28
   Ehrman, pp. 185-204, pp. between 267 and 268 (review pp. 168-184)
   Acts 13-28 (see also Harper Collins Study Bible, p. 1908)

27 GOSPELS EXAM

MAR 1 1, 2 Thessalonians
   Ehrman, pp. 205-219, 268-273
   1, 2 Thessalonians

MAR 3-11 SPRING BREAK

13 Galatians
   Ehrman, pp. 237-245
   Galatians

15, 20 1, 2 Corinthians
   Ehrman, pp. 220-236
   1, 2 Corinthians

22, 27 Romans
   Ehrman, pp. 254-267
   Romans

29 Philippians, Philemon, Colossians
   Ehrman, pp. 245-253, 273-275
   Philippians, Philemon, Colossians

3 PAULINE EXAM

5 Ephesians
   Ehrman, pp. 275-279
   Ephesians

10 Pastoral Epistles (1, 2 Timothy, Titus); Hebrews
   Ehrman, pp. 279-318
   1, 2 Timothy, Titus; Hebrews
12  James, 1 Peter, Jude, 2 Peter
   Ehrman, pp. 319-330
   James, 1 Peter, Jude, 2 Peter

17, 19  1,2,3 John; Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)
   Ehrman, pp. 330-352
   1, 2, 3 John; Revelation

24  POST-PAULINE EXAM