NEW TESTAMENT –
SYLLABUS

MWF 5 (11:45-12:35)
Anderson 0101

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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) - recommended

Course grade:
30% Gospels Exam
30% Pauline Exam
15% Post-Pauline Exam
15% ONE paper (book about the Historical Jesus or Paul) -- due APRIL 30 (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
A- 90-92
B+ 87-89
B 83-86
B- 80-82
C+ 77-79
C 73-76
C- 70-72
D 60-69
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.

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**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 7**

**General Introduction to the Course**

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

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**What is the NT? - Preconceptions and Biases**

- Ehrman, pp. 1-11
- Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxix-xliii

**11, 14, 16, 18**

**Historical/Theological Background**

- Ehrman, pp. 14-45, pp. between 167 and 168
- Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. xxxiv-xxxv, xliv-lvi

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**Introduction to the Gospels: The Synoptic Problem**

- Ehrman, pp. 46-61, 158-167
- Harper Collins Study Bible, pp. 1653-1663

**25, 28, 30**

**Gospel of Mark**

- Ehrman, pp. 61-76
- Gospel of Mark

**FEB 1, 4, 6**

**Gospel of Matthew**

- Ehrman, pp. 77-94
- Gospel of Matthew
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Ehrman, pp. 95-111; 168-184  
Gospel of Luke; Acts 1-12 |
| 15, 18, 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) |
| 25 | **GOSPELS EXAM** (covers material from January 11 - February 20) |
| 27 | 1, 2 Thessalonians  
Ehrman, pp. 205-219, 268-273  
1, 2 Thessalonians |
| **MAR 1** |                                                                 |
| **MAR 2-10** | **SPRING BREAK** |
| 11, 13 | Galatians  
Ehrman, pp. 237-245  
Galatians |
| 15, 18, 20 | 1, 2 Corinthians  
Ehrman, pp. 220-236  
1, 2 Corinthians |
| 22, 25, 27 | Romans  
Ehrman, pp. 254-267  
Romans |
| 29 | Philippians, Philemon  
Ehrman, pp. 245-253  
Philippians, Philemon |
| **APR 1** | Colossians  
Ehrman, pp. 273-275  
Colossians |
| 3 | Ephesians  
Ehrman, pp. 275-279  
Ephesians |
5 Pastoral Epistles (1,2 Timothy, Titus)
   Ehrman, pp. 279-300
   1,2 Timothy, Titus

8 **PAULINE EXAM** (covers material from February 22 – April 1)

10, 12 Hebrews
   Ehrman, pp. 301-318
   Hebrews

15 James, 1 Peter
   Ehrman, pp. 319-327
   James, 1 Peter

17 Jude, 2 Peter
   Ehrman, pp. 327-330
   Jude, 2 Peter

19 1,2,3 John
   Ehrman, pp. 330-337
   1, 2, 3 John

22 Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)
   Ehrman, pp. 338-352
   Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)

24 **POST-PAULINE EXAM** (covers material from April 3 – April 22)