



# Syllabus

## New Testament I (B-03)

Text for this course:  
Encountering the New Testament:  
A Historical and Theological Survey -  
3rd edition

by Walter Elwell and Robert Yarbrough

### Course Requirements:

- Class attendance and participation. (No more than one absence without make-up.)
- Read pages 1-232 in the text. *New Testament II (B-04)* will cover the remainder of the book.
- Choose one personality or issue and write a paper giving the requirements listed below.
- Payment of all fees.
- Complete any other assignments as given by the instructor.

The text we are using for this course lends itself to be broken down into four sections, following the heading of the book.

New Testament I (B-03) will include Part 1 and Part 2 and New Testament II (B-04) will be centered on Part 3 and 4.

Students are asked to choose one personality or major issue of the day for New Testament I (B-03) and write a paper giving:

- 1.) The name of the personality or description of the issue
- 2.) A brief history of the personality or events precipitating the issue
- 3.) The major contribution these personality made to Jewish history or how the issue impacted Jewish history and the early church
- 4.) The reason the personality or issue was chosen
- 5.) How the personality or issue impacted New Testament life
- 6.) How the personality or issue has impacted the student's life, as well as the church today

The papers will be discussed during the concluding session of each course.

If an issue is chosen for New Testament I (B-03), a personality must be chosen for New Testament II (B-04) and vice versa.

### SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE:

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| Week One:   | 1.) <i>Why Study the New Testament?</i> Pages 1-18<br><i>Part 1: Encountering Jesus and the Gospels</i><br>2.) <i>The Middle East in the Days of Jesus</i> Pages 21-51<br>3.) <i>The Gospel and the Four Gospels</i> Pages 53-61   |
| Week Two:   | 4.) <i>The Gospel of Matthew: The Messiah has come!</i> Pages 63-72<br>5.) <i>The Gospel of Mark: Son of God, Servant of All</i> Pages 73-82<br>6.) <i>The Gospel of Luke: A Savior for All People</i> Pages 83-92<br>7.) <i>The Gospel of John: Eternal Life Through His Name</i><br>Pages 93-103 |
| Week Three: | 8.) <i>Man from Galilee: The Life of Jesus Christ</i> Pages 105-121<br>9.) <i>Lord, Teach Us: The Teaching Ministry</i> Pages 123-137  |
| Week Four:  | 10.) <i>Modern Approaches to the New Testament: Historical Criticism and Hermeneutics</i> Pages 139-153<br>11.) <i>The Modern Study of the Gospels</i> Pages 155-166<br>12.) <i>The Modern Search for Jesus</i> pages 167-176  |
| Week Five:  | <i>Part 2: Encountering Acts and the Earliest Church</i><br>13.) <i>The World and Identity of the Earliest Church</i> Pages 179-192<br>14.) <i>Acts 1-7: The Earliest Days of the Church</i> Pages 193-205   |
| Week Six:   | 15.) <i>Acts 8-12: Salvation for Both Jew and Gentile</i> Pages 207-219<br>16.) <i>Acts 13-28: The Light of Christ to the Ends of the Earth</i><br>Pages 221-232   |

Please note: This syllabus has been revised to reflect the third edition of the text.