

Religious Studies 302. New Testament

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Texts: The Bible (preferably New Revised Standard Version, Today's English Version, or Common English Bible)
Reading the New Testament, 2nd edition by Pheme Perkins
(Paulist Press)

Jan 10	Introduction	
12	World of New Testament, Gospels	
17	Mark	
19	"	
24	Matthew	
26	"	
31	Luke	
Feb 2	"	quiz
7	John	
9	"	
14	Other gospels	
16	Acts	
21	"	
23	Paul's letters, I,II Thessalonians	
28	Galatians	quiz
Mar 1	I, II Corinthians	
6,8	Spring break, no classes	
13	Philippians, Colossians	
15	Philemon, Ephesians	
20	Romans	
22	"	
27	I,ii Timothy, Titus	
29	James	
Apr 3	I, II Peter	quiz
5	Hebrews	
10	I, II, III John, Jude	
12	Revelation	
17	"	
19	Other early Christian writings, Review	
May 1	Final exam, 9:30	

This course will be a study of the writings in the New Testament. We will study Jesus and the gospels which were written about him; Paul, his travels and his letters, and the Revelation; as well as the other books in the New Testament. A brief look at some of the other early Christian writings will also be included.

The New Testament is the primary source for the Christian church and deals with the basic questions of human lives and relationships. Through the careful study of the New Testament writings, these questions will be considered as they were dealt with by the original writers of the New Testament books. Students will have opportunity in a paper to relate a New Testament passage or book to some relevant contemporary issue.

There will be 3 quizzes, a paper, and a final exam. The quizzes will each count 15%, the paper 15%, and the final exam 40% toward the final grade for the course. Students are expected to be present in class, and will be responsible for the material covered in each lecture.

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