



# On-Campus Course Syllabus

## NTS 501

### NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION 1

#### FALL 2019

#### Class Information

**Day and Time:** Monday 1:30-4:00 pm

**Room Number:** E 206

#### Contact Information

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#### Course Description and Prerequisites

An advanced study of the books of Matthew through Acts, emphasizing problems of interpretation and the contribution of these books to biblical theology and godly Christian living.

#### Course Objectives

- A. Grasp the structure, arguments, and themes of the four Gospels and the Book of Acts,
- B. Be familiar with the historical and socio-political context of the Jewish and Roman world in NT times,
- C. Be able to discuss the differences between the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John
- D. Comprehend the main theories regarding source materials used to write the Gospels and Acts,
- E. Recognize the major Jewish sects, texts, and events of the Second Temple period that impact the Gospels and Acts.

#### Required Textbooks

Powell, Mark. *Introducing the New Testament*. Second ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018.

Streeet, R. Alan. *Caesar and the Sacrament*. Eugene: Cascade, 2018.

#### Course Requirements and Assignments

- A. Textbook Reading and Quizzes. All students will read the assigned pages for the week in Powell. Each week a quiz will be given on the assigned materials. Taken online. (Counts 40% of the semester grade).
- B. Study Guide. The student will 1) read one chapter a week of *Caesar and the Sacrament*, 2) write a one page typed summary of the chapter (Counts 10% of semester grade).
- C. The student will formulate five study questions for each chapter of *Caesar and the Sacrament* (Questions must be probing questions that deal with the how and why of the contents) and lead a discussion of the chapter in class. (Counts 20% of the semester grade).

D. Attendance grade. Students are expected to attend all class sessions, both arriving on time and not leaving until the session is over. One absence per semester will be allowed without penalty. Students will be given a grade for attendance. Two absences, 91; three absences 81; four absences, 71; five absences 61; six absences, 51; etc. (Counts 10% of semester grade).

E. Paper. Each student will write a research paper on one of the NT scholars involved in the Quest for the Historical Jesus and present it in class (Counts 20% of semester grade).

## Course/Classroom Policies and Information

No computers or cell phone may be used in class. Students may record the class upon professor's approval.

### Class Attendance

Students are responsible for enrolling in courses for which they anticipate being able to attend every class session on the day and time appearing on course schedules, and then making every effort to do so. When unavoidable situations result in absence or tardiness, students are responsible for acquiring any information missed. Professors are not obliged to allow students to make up missed work. Per their independent discretion, individual professors may determine how attendance affects students' ability to meet course learning objectives and whether attendance affects course grades.

### Grading Scale

Assigning grade definitions (i.e., above average, average, below average) is optional. Please delete the last column below if not assigning definitions. Additionally, delete these instructions when completing syllabus.

			Grade Definitions (optional)
A	93-100	4.0 grade points per semester hour	
A-	90-92	3.7 grade points per semester hour	
B+	87-89	3.3 grade points per semester hour	
B	83-86	3.0 grade points per semester hour	
B-	80-82	2.7 grade points per semester hour	
C+	77-79	2.3 grade points per semester hour	
C	73-76	2.0 grade points per semester hour	
C-	70-72	1.7 grade points per semester hour	
D+	67-69	1.3 grade points per semester hour	
D	63-66	1.0 grade point per semester hour	
D-	60-62	0.7 grade points per semester hour	
F	0-59	0.0 grade points per semester hour	

### Incomplete Grades

Students requesting a grade of Incomplete (I) must understand that incomplete grades may be given only upon approval of the faculty member involved. An "I" may be assigned only when a student is currently passing a course and in situations involving extended illness, serious injury, death in the family, or employment or government reassignment, not student neglect.

Students are responsible for contacting their professors prior to the end of the semester, plus filing the appropriate completed and approved academic request form with the Registrar's Office. The "I" must be removed (by completing the remaining course requirements) no later than 60 calendar days after the grade was assigned, or the "I" will become an "F."

## **Academic Honesty**

Absolute truth is an essential belief and basis of behavior for those who believe in a God who cannot lie and forbids falsehood. Academic honesty is the application of the principle of truth in the classroom setting. Academic honesty includes the basic premise that all work submitted by students must be their own and any ideas derived or copied from elsewhere must be carefully documented.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- cheating of any kind,
- submitting, without proper approval, work originally prepared by the student for another course,
- plagiarism, which is the submitting of work prepared by someone else as if it were his own, and
- failing to credit sources properly in written work.

## **Institutional Email Policy**

All official college email communications to students enrolled in this course will be sent exclusively to students' institutional email accounts. Students are expected to check their student email accounts regularly and to respond in an appropriate and timely manner to all communications from faculty and administrative departments.

Students are permitted to setup automatic forwarding of emails from their student email accounts to one or more personal email accounts. The student is responsible to setup and maintain email forwarding without assistance from college staff. If a student chooses to use this forwarding option, he/she will continue to be responsible for responding appropriately to all communications from faculty and administrative departments of the college. Criswell College bears no responsibility for the use of emails that have been forwarded from student email accounts to other email accounts.

## **Disabilities**

Criswell College recognizes and supports the standards set forth in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, and similar state laws, which are designed to eliminate discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. Criswell College is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualifying students, faculty, and employees with disabilities as required by applicable laws. For more information, please contact the Student Services Office.

## **Intellectual Property Rights**

Unless otherwise specifically instructed in writing by the professor, students must neither materially nor digitally reproduce materials from any course offered by Criswell College for or with the significant possibility of distribution.

## Resources and Support

Canvas and SONIS: Criswell College uses Canvas as its web-based learning tool and SONIS for student data. Students needing assistance with Canvas should contact the Canvas Help Support line at (844) 358-6140. Tech support is available at this number, twenty-four hours a day. Students needing help with SONIS should contact the Campus Software Manager at [studenttechsupport@criswell.edu](mailto:studenttechsupport@criswell.edu).

Student Services: The Student Services Office exists to foster and encourage success in all areas of life—physical, intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional. Students are encouraged to reach out for assistance by contacting the office at 214.818.1332 or [studentservices@criswell.edu](mailto:studentservices@criswell.edu). Pastoral and certified counseling services are also available to Criswell students. Appointments are scheduled through the Dean of Students, at [deanofstudents@criswell.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@criswell.edu).

Wallace Library: Students can access academic resources and obtain research assistance by visiting the Wallace Library, which is located on campus. For more information, go to the library website, or email the Wallace Library at [library@criswell.edu](mailto:library@criswell.edu).

Writing Center: Students are encouraged to consult with writing tutors to improve and enhance their skills and confidence by practicing techniques of clear and effective writing. To consult with a tutor, students can visit the Writing Center located on the first floor near the Computer Lab, or they can schedule an appointment by emailing [writingcenter@criswell.edu](mailto:writingcenter@criswell.edu) or calling 214.818.1373.

## Course Outline/Calendar

Week 1	Introduction to the Gospels and Acts
Week 2	Chapter 1 Powell
Week 3	Chapter 2 Powell (Labor Day)
Week 4	Chapter 3 Powell
Week 5	Historical Jesus Discussion
Week 6	Chapter 4 Powell
Week 7	Chapter 5 Powell
Week 8	Gospel of Matthew
Week 9	Chapter 6 Powell
Week 10	Gospel of Mark
Week 11	Chapter 7 Powell
Week 12	Gospel of Luke
Week 13	Chapter 8 Powell
Week 14	Gospel of John
Week 15	Chapter 9 Powell
Week 16	Book of Acts

## Selected Bibliography

See Powell for comprehensive bibliography