

#215 Christ in the Gospels
Western Reformed Seminary
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COURSE INFORMATION

Required reading

The following books are to be read by the dates indicated in the course schedule below:

Reading assignment #1

- the four Gospels, in two different translations
- E. F. Harrison, *Introduction to the New Testament*, ch. 5-9; OR Donald Guthrie, *New Testament Introduction*, ch. 1-8; OR D. A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo, and Leon Morris, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, ch. 1-5
- James Stalker, *The Life of Jesus Christ*
- Robert L. Thomas and Stanley N. Gundry, *The NIV Harmony of the Gospels*, Prefaces, Explanation, Essays #1-8

Reading assignment #2

- Robert B. Strimple, *The Modern Search for the Real Jesus*
- E. F. Harrison, *A Short Life of Christ*
- Robert L. Thomas and Stanley N. Gundry, *The NIV Harmony of the Gospels* (rest of book, including Essays #9-12)

It is advised that your reading in Thomas and Gundry follow as closely as possible our classroom lectures.

Special assignment

Choose one of the following:

- 1) Read a scholarly book concerning some aspect of the course and write a two-page review and critique. Use the standard format for journal articles found in the *SBL Handbook of Style*.
- 2) Translate one chapter from each of the four Gospels.
- 3) Write a five-page research paper on some controversial question of interpretation in the Gospels. Use the standard format for papers found in Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*.
- 4) Prepare a series of at least five sermon or Bible lesson outlines on a part of the life of Jesus.

Approval by the professor is required for the special assignment.

Tests

There will be two examinations during the semester covering the lecture material.

Grading

The final grade will consist of the following:

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| • Reading | 30% |
| • Special assignment | 20% |
| • Midterm examination | 25% |
| • Final examination | 25% |

Course schedule

Sept.	5	Introduction to the Course
	12	
	19	
	26	(Northwest Presbytery meeting)
Oct.	3	
	10	
	17	

24 Midterm Examination; Reading Assignment #1 due
31
Nov. 7
14
21 Special Assignment due
28
Dec. 5
12 Final Examination; Reading Assignment #2 due