

Texts:

The New American Bible

Brown, Raymond, *The Gospel of St. John*

Montague, G., *Companion God: A Cross Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew*

Montague, G., *Mark: Good News for Hard Times*

Xeroxed Notes

Scope of Course:

The course will focus on the main Christian sources about Jesus Christ, the four Gospels. There will also be discussion and comparison with Judaism and Islam regarding the main points of the Gospels' view of Jesus Christ and connected religious issues.

Course Set-up:

There will be two exams during the term on *Wednesday, Feb 4 and Feb 25*. Six brief quizzes (basically objectives lasting about ten minutes) are scheduled on Wednesdays: **Jan** 14, 21, 28, **Feb** 11, 18, **March** 4. A student must take any five of these. *Please note, this does not mean taking six and dropping the lowest grade.*

To absent oneself from a written exam without previous consultation with the instructor makes one liable to getting a zero, which amounts to a double "F" for the exam.

Exams are to be taken on the day and it is not to be expected that an exam will be given early or postponed because one has a conflict with another school event, social event, flight plans, etc. This includes the final exam on Wednesday, March 18, 9:10 AM.

The exams involve not just testing for memory but also for understanding and for ability to synthesize material.

No hats worn during exams, please. Also no exit from room until exam is finished.

Grading:

The two exams during the term and the five quizzes are worth sixty percent of the course grade. The written exam points are in a ratio of 2:1 to the objective exams (quizzes). Cheating in any exam during the course results not only in an *F* for that exam, but also in liability to an *F* for the whole course (cf. *University Bulletin*.)

Class Attendance and Comportment:

As stated in the *University Bulletin* attendance at classes is required.

Any absence should only be for an emergency.

Two emergency absences are permitted without any loss of grade.

After that, i.e., beginning with the third absence, even for an emergency, there is a liability to a lowering of the final course grade according to the following scale of minimum deduction:

3 = -0.1

5 = -0.5

7 = -2.0

4 = -0.3

6 = -1.0

8 = -4.0 (failure or withdrawal)

The minimum requirement for attendance is not only physical presence in class but also attention to the material being presented and class participation. *Thus, attempting to study or read other texts or material will result in a penalized absence as will disregarding the following:*

Please:-keep cell phones off during class and put away (not to be on desk).

-do not use lap tops during class for notes.

-do not have I-Pods or other electronic devices on desk.

Tardiness is not acceptable and results in a one-fourth absence. Please take care of personal needs before class and not by exiting temporarily during class which is disruptive.

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Class Hours: MWF 9:15 AM -Christ in the Four Gospels Kenna 218

The material in the text books will be portioned out as follows for reading and discussion. There are study guide questions in the xeroxed notes from book store.

The Sources About Jesus, nn. 2-6, 34

The Public Life and Ministry of Jesus,
notes (nn.) 7-11, 35-36

The World of Jesus, nn. 12-17,37

Gosp. Mk 1:1-45

M.-Mk (Montague, Mark) pp 8-31,nn.39f

Gosp. Mk 2:1-4:34

M.-Mk, chapters (cc.) 9,11,13-16, nn.63,**quiz**

The Miracles of Jesus, nn. 18-22, 38

Gosp. Mk 4:35-6:52. M.-Mk, cc. 25-26

Gosp. Mk 6:53-10:52

M.-Mk, cc. 31-32, 34, 40, **quiz**

Gosp. Mk 11:1-14:26

M.-Mk, cc. 42,44,48,50,53

Gosp. Mk 14:27-16:20
M.-Mk, pp. 166-197

The Gospel of Luke, nn. 23-27,43 *quiz*

Notes on Matthew, nn. 28-30,44ff.
Gosp. Mt 1:1-17
M.-Mt (*Companion God*), pp.1-19

Gosp. Mt 1:18-4:25
M.-Mt, pp.19-47(top)

EXAM (*written-full period*)

Gosp. Mt 5:1-30
M.-Mt., pp. 47-76

Gosp. Mt 5:31-7:28
M.-Mt, pp. 76-106

Gosp. Mt 8:1-11:1
M.-Mt, pp.107-134 *quiz*

Gosp.Mt 11:2-13:53
M.-Mt, pp. 135-163

Gosp. Mt 13:54-17:27
M.-Mt, pp. 164-194 (top half), *quiz*

Gosp. Mt 18:1-20:34
M.-Mt, pp. 194-224 (top half)

Gosp. Mt 21:1-23:12
M.-Mt, pp. 224-253 (top)

EXAM (*written-full period*)

Gosp. Mt 23:13-25:46
M.-Mt, pp. 253-284

Gosp. Mt 26:1-27:2
M.-Mt, pp.285-304 (top)

Gosp.Mt 27:3-28:20
M.-Mt, pp. 304-33, *quiz*

Gospel of John, nn. 31-33, 50
Brown, 9-19

John nn. 50 cont. with ref. to B.