

## **BI220 – The Life of Christ**

**Course:** BI220 The Life of Christ

**Credits:** 3 semester hours

**Semester:** Spring 2022 Cycle 4

**Time:** Mondays, 8:00-11:00 am

**Place:** CABRE 103

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### **DESCRIPTION**

A study of the earthly life of Christ as revealed in the four Gospels. Special emphasis is placed on establishing a harmony of the Gospels, especially regarding the chronology of events, Jesus' message and His miracles. (Prerequisite: BI115)

*This is a blended class, meaning that both campus and online students take this class together. Campus students attend the classes in person, online students attend the classes via the online classroom. All interaction and assignments for campus and online students are done in the online classroom.*

### **OBJECTIVES**

As a result of taking this course the student will:

1. Write a broad chronological outline of the life of Christ (PLO 1) (A 1-4)
2. Identify on a map the key places Jesus visited in his ministry (PLO 1) (A 1-4)
3. State biblical arguments defending the virgin birth of Christ, his sinless life, his miracles, his substitutionary death on the cross and his bodily resurrection from the dead (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 1-4)
4. Explain the significance of various events in the life of Christ (the baptism of Jesus, the temptation of Jesus, the transfiguration of Jesus) (PLO 1, 2, 4, 5) (A1-4)
5. Interpret the parables and teachings of Christ in their historic context (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A1-4)
6. Become a committed disciple of Jesus by obeying the commands of Christ (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A1-4)

**TEXTBOOKS**

1. The Bible is a required textbook in every course at Calvary University. To facilitate academic level study, students are required to use for assignments and research an English translation or version of the Bible based on formal equivalence (*meaning that the translation is generally word-for-word from the original languages*), including any of the following: New American Standard (NASB), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James (NKJV), or King James (KJV). Other translations and versions based on dynamic equivalence (*paraphrases and thought for thought translations like NLT and NIV*) may be used as supplemental sources. Please ask the professor if you have questions about a particular translation or version.
2. Pentecost, J. Dwight. *A Harmony of the Words and Works of Jesus Christ*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981. ISBN: 0-310-30951-4, Cost: \$11.25 Amazon; Note: This resource contains all of the Gospels reading required.
3. Pentecost, J. Dwight. *The Words and Works of Jesus Christ*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981. ISBN: 978-0-310-30940-6, Cost: \$27.33 Amazon

**ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Assignment #1: Weekly quiz over the material covered in classroom lectures (200 points)
2. Assignment #2: Weekly research questions about the Life of Christ (300 points)
3. Assignment #3: Research Paper (200 points). Ten pages following Turabian format.
4. Assignment #4: Read through the textbooks by Pentecost and post a list of ten things you learned about the life of Christ from reading these textbooks (300 points)
5. Assignment #5: Create a map of at least 50 key locations from the Life of Christ (100 points); Note: The 50 locations will be identified in the lectures and should be added to Google Maps (explained in first class period; alternatives available if necessary).

**ASSIGNMENT POINTS AND FINAL GRADE**

<u>ASSIGNMENT POINTS</u>	
#1: Weekly Quizzes	200
#2: Research Questions	300
#3: Research Paper	200
#4: Reading of textbooks and report	200
#5: Map of 50 locations	100
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>1000</b>

**GRADING SCALE AND FINAL GRADE**

930-1000 points	A
900-929 points	A-
870-899 points	B+

830-869 points	B
800-829 points	B-
770-799 points	C+
730-769 points	C
700-729 points	C-
670-699 points	D+
630-669 points	D
600-629 points	D-
0-559 points	F

### **Expectations for Research Paper**

1. The research paper must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update.
2. Please refer to a minimum of six sources including two books, two journal articles and two websites.
3. Do not use Wikipedia as one of your websites.
4. Plagiarism is defined as copying any part of a book or paper without giving credit to the author. This also includes taking another person's ideas and presenting them as your own.

### **Rubric for Grading of the Research Paper** (200 total points for each paper)

1. Content (150 points)
  - a. Explains the meaning of Bible verses in context (75 points)
  - b. Gives biblical and theological reasons for interpretations (75 points)
2. Grammar and Spelling and Turabian style format (50 points)
  - a. Writes with correct grammar and spelling (25 points)
  - b. Follows Turabian (25 points; <https://www.calvary.edu/clark-academic-center/turabian/>)

### **CLASS SCHEDULE**

1. Week One: Introduction to The Life of Christ
2. Week Two: Introduction of the King
3. Week Three: Authentication of the King
4. Week Four: Controversy Over the King and Instruction of the Twelve
5. Week Five: Opposition to the King
6. Week Six: Preparation of the Disciples and Official Presentation of the King
7. Week Seven: Preparation for the Death of the King
8. Week Eight: The Rejection and Resurrection of the King

## NOTES

1. \* PLO = Program Learning Objectives (see Calvary University Catalog, p.142)
2. \*\* A = Assignments; showing how the assignments for this course are directly linked to the objectives.
3. Punctual reading and writing will allow the student to get the most out of the course.
4. About Disabilities: Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator (aso@calvary.edu) of any disabling condition that may require support.
5. About Assistance for All Course Assignments: The Clark Academic Center (learning@calvary.edu) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all CU students. Student tutors aid with all facets of the writing process, tutor in various subject areas, prepare students for exams, and facilitate tests. Please take advantage of this service.
6. About Changes to this Syllabus: The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus at any time during the course, but any changes made will only be done after clearly communicating the need for the change and the specific change to be made via in- class announcement and Canvas announcement.
7. Grading criteria for all written assignments: All class papers must follow the Turabian style according to *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th edition and the Calvary Style Guide, 2019 update — title page, footnotes and bibliography. See the “Clark Academic Center” page on the CU website for a “Turabian Help” (<https://www.calvary.edu/clark-academic-center/>).
8. About Late Assignments: Assignments are due when posted on Canvas.
9. About Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as copying any part of a book or paper without identifying that source. This also includes taking another person’s ideas and presenting them as your own without identifying the source. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (0) grade.