

## BI130 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

**Course:** BI130 New Testament Survey  
**Credit:** 3 Credit Hours  
**Semester:** Fall 2026, Sessions 1-2 (August 17- December 11)  
**Time:** Wednesday/Friday 9:30-10:50 am  
**Place:** Langmade  
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### I. DESCRIPTION

A study of each book of the New Testament. Emphasis is placed on an understanding of the background of the author and the writing of each book, as well as key elements such as its theme, key verse, and key words. The contents of each book are studied in summary form. A survey of the intertestamental period is also included. (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.*

### II. OBJECTIVES

#### A. General competencies to be achieved:

- 1.Outline the chronological order of major events and people in New Testament history (PLO 1, 2) (A 1, 2, 5, 6)
- 2.Give the theme and purpose of each New Testament book (PLO 1, 2) (A 1, 2, 5, 6)

#### B. Specific competencies to be achieved. The student will:

- 1.Explain how each of the four canonical gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) describe the Lord Jesus Christ (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4) (A 1, 5, 6)
2. List the major events and people in early church history from the book of Acts (PLO 1, 2) (A 1, 5, 6)

3. Explain the arguments of the Pauline epistles (Romans-Philemon) and the General Epistles (Hebrews-Jude) (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4) (A 2, 4, 5, 6, 8)
4. Identify the major people in the New Testament and their significance (PLO 1, 2) (A 1, 2, 5, 6)
5. Explain what the New Testament (especially the book of Revelation) reveals about the future (PLO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (A 5, 6, 8)
6. Learn how to create PowerPoint slides that communicate a New Testament book (PLO 1, 2, 5) (A 3, 5, 6)
7. Discover applications for life from the New Testament (PLO 1, 2, 5) (A 5, 7)

### **III. REQUIREMENTS**

**Assignment 1:** Read Gromacki pages 1-66 (Backgrounds, Introduction, Gospels). In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading (37 points)

**Assignment 2:** Read Matthew-Mark. Read Gromacki pages 67-108. In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading, and then type out 2 applications for your Bible reading. For each application type out the verse and then how you plan on putting that verse into practice in your life (37 points)

**Assignment 3:** Read Luke-John. Read Gromacki pages 109-148. In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading, and then type out 2 applications for your Bible reading. For each application type out the verse and then how you plan on putting that verse into practice in your life (37 points)

**Assignment 4:** Put together 50 slides on one of the gospels. The 50 slides must include: title slide, author, recipients, date and place of writing, theme, purposes, key verses with pictures, outline of the NT book, and maps/charts (150 points)

**Assignment 5:** Read Acts, Galatians, and 1-2 Thessalonians. Read Gromacki pages 149-175; 227-240; 276-290. In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading, and then type out 2 applications for your Bible reading. For each application type out the verse and then how you plan on putting that verse into practice in your life (37 points)

**Assignment 6:** Participate in an exegetical discussion board (50 points)

**Assignment 7:** Take Exam #1 over the Intertestamental Period, Introduction to the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the book of Acts. There are 50 questions (true/false and multiple

choice). Use the study guide to prepare for the exam. No helps can be used when you take the exam (100 points)

**Assignment 8:** Read Romans-Philippians. Read Gromacki pages 176-265. In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading, and then type out 2 applications for your Bible reading. For each application type out the verse and then how you plan on putting that verse into practice in your life (41 points)

**Assignment 9:** Participate in an exegetical discussion board (50 points)

**Assignment 10:** Take Exam #2 over these Pauline Epistles (Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Corinthians and Romans). There are 50 questions (true/false and multiple choice). Use the study guide to prepare for the exam. No helps can be used when you take this exam (100 points)

**Assignment 11:** Read Colossians/1-2 Timothy-Philemon. Read Gromacki pages 266-274/291-318. In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading, and then type out 2 applications for your Bible reading. For each application type out the verse and then how you plan on putting that verse into practice in your life (37 points)

**Assignment 12:** Read Hebrews-3 John. Read Gromacki pages 319-384. In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading, and then type out 2 applications for your Bible reading. For each application type out the verse and then how you plan on putting that verse into practice in your life (37 points)

**Assignment 13:** Take Exam #3 over the Prison Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon) and the Pastoral Epistles of Paul (1 Timothy, Titus, 2 Timothy). There are 50 questions (true/false and multiple choice). Use the study guide to prepare for the exam. No helps can be used when you take this exam (100 points)

**Assignment 14:** Read Jude-Revelation. Read Gromacki pages 417-451. In a Word document indicate that you finished this reading assignment and list five things you learned from your textbook reading, and then type out 2 applications for your Bible reading. For each application type out the verse and then how you plan on putting that verse into practice in your life (37 points)

**Assignment 15:** Participate in an exegetical discussion board (50 points)

**Assignment 16:** Take Exam #4 over the General Epistles (Hebrews-Jude) and the book of Revelation. There are 50 questions (true/false and multiple choice). Use the study guide to prepare for the exam. No helps can be used when you take this exam (100 points).

#### **IV. TOTAL POINTS AND FINAL GRADE**

930-1000 A  
900-929 A  
870-899 B+  
830-869 B  
800-829 B  
770-799 C+  
730-769 C  
700-729 C  
670-699 D+  
630-669 D  
600-629 D  
0-599 F

## **V. TEXTBOOKS**

**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.

Gromacki, Robert. *New Testament Survey*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 1974.  
ISBN: 978-0-8010-3626-2 Cost: \$33.21 (Amazon paperback)

## **VI. Policies**

**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.

**Late Assignments:** Assignments will be lowered **10%** if not turned in on the due date.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is defined as copying any content without identifying the source. This also includes taking another person's or AI entity's ideas or constructs and presenting them as your own. The use of AI generated content in student work is prohibited (even if cited) as it does not represent original work created by the student and is an unreliable aggregate of ideas from other sources. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. Any assignment that includes plagiarism will receive a zero (0) grade.

**Disabilities:** *Students with disabilities have the responsibility of informing the Accommodations Support Coordinator ([aso@calvary.edu](mailto:aso@calvary.edu)) of any disabling condition that may require support.*

The Clark Academic Center ([learning@calvary.edu](mailto:learning@calvary.edu)) is dedicated to providing free academic assistance for all Calvary University 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

**Attendance:**

Attendance accounts for 20% of your overall grade. I expect students to attend class regularly. My attendance policies are:

- **In class students:** there are 2 class sessions per week in the semester; each class session is worth 1.25% of your grade. I will deduct 1.25% from your grade for each unexcused absence.
- **For online students:** I will take attendance once a week. Attendance is based on academic activity, which includes weekly lecture attendance report, responding to discussion questions, submitting research papers, book reports or similar assignments, or taking an examination. I will deduct 2.50% from your grade for each week in which an online student fails to demonstrate academic activity.

**VI. CLASS SCHEDULE**

Week 1	Introduction to the Course Backgrounds
Week 2	Introduction The Gospels
Week 3	Matthew
Week 4	Mark Luke
Week 5	John
Week 6	Acts
Week 7	Galatians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians

Week 8	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians
Week 9	Romans
Week 10	Ephesians Philippians
Week 11	Colossians Philemon
Week 12	1 Timothy Titus 2 Timothy
Week 13	Hebrews James
Week 14	1 Peter 2 Peter Jude
Week 15	1 John 2 John- 3 John Revelation
Week 16	No Classes- Finals Week

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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