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B302 / B502 / B702 - The Life of Christ Course Description & Syllabus

This course is an in-depth study on the origins of the Gospels as related to the earthly life of Jesus Christ. It is designed to give the student an understanding of the pattern and example established for the conduct of the believer's own life as documented in Scripture. Varying theories as to the origin of the Gospels will be reviewed, as well as timelines to events found in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (which describe events from a similar point of view) as contrasted with that of the Gospel of John. This course can be taken at an undergraduate level of study (B302 - toward a Bachelor degree), or it can be taken on a graduate level of study (B502/B702 - towards a Masters or Doctors degree), providing the course requirements are met as explained in this course syllabus.

In forming the materials for this course, some textbooks used included THE THOMPSON CHAIN REFERENCE BIBLE, STALKER'S LIFE OF CHRIST and A HARMONY OF THE FOUR GOSPELS second edition by Orville E. Daniel. Stalker's Life of Christ closely follows the Harmony of the Gospels found in the Thompson Chain Reference Bible [ref# 4308a] A Harmony of the Four Gospels uses the NIV translation, but the Scripture references can be read from any translation.

Optional/Other recommended books to read are: A Harmony of the Gospels by A.T. Robertson [no longer in print], The Life of Christ Visualized by Dr. Ray E. Baughman [no longer in print] and A Short Life of Christ by Everett F. Harrison published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company [still in print].



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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

ACADEMIC---To enable the student to gain a basic knowledge into an in-depth study on the origins of the Gospels as related to the earthly life of Jesus Christ.

ATTITUDINAL---To help the student understand the varying theories, timelines, and events found in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) and to those in the Gospel of John.

BEHAVIORAL---To help the student understand the pattern and example established for the conduct of the believer's own life as documented in Scripture.

COURSE GRADING:

Chesapeake Bible College and Seminary uses a four-point grading system to calculate both semester and cumulative grade point averages. Point grades for all quizzes, exams, projects, and/or papers in any given course will be averaged to determine the final letter grade for the course, as applicable.

GRADING: - Description of Letter / Points

Work of an exceptional quality – A / 93 - 100%

Work of a commendable quality – B / 85 - 92%

Work of an acceptable quality – C / 78 - 84%

Work of minimal but passing quality – D / 70 - 77%

Failing work, no credit given – F / 0 - 69%

NOTE: Students are strongly advised to make copies of all course work submitted to Chesapeake Bible College & Seminary for grading.



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

STUDY TEXT: Irving L. Jensen, **THE LIFE OF CHRIST-Jensen Bible Self-Study Guide (Moody Publishers) New Edition Oct 1990 ISBN 0-802-4446-28.**

The textbook is required for Independent Correspondent Students (ICS) or Distance Learning Center (DLC) students (who are not utilizing the Online Student Portal for coursework materials). The textbook is Supplemental; not required for the Online Student but available to the Online Student as a supplement to expand their learning.

B302 - (DIPLOMA – ASSOCIATE - BACHELOR) – 3 CREDIT - DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For Students taking this course at an undergraduate level, (4) credit course, an additional six (6)-page essay is required to be submitted from any topic of choice in addition to the criteria below. This six (6)-page essay includes a cover page & bibliography page. The essay is to be typed double spaced, in New Times Roman type font, 12 font size. The instructions for essay/assignment submission are as follows: Coursework may be electronically uploaded into the Online Student Portal (if taking the course as an Online Student); submitted to the overseeing Instructor (if taking the course as part of a Distance Learning (DLC) Center); or electronically emailed to Assignment@chesapeakebiblecollege.com.

1. Maintain a minimum of a "C" average for the course.
2. Read all materials assigned.
3. Study the review materials.
4. The student will complete the lesson/chapter quizzes, (six (6) in total), that are associated with each section of the coursework. This will constitute one-quarter (25%) of your grade for the course.
5. Before taking the final examination, the student will submit a summary essay that compiles six (6) one-page summaries (one for each lesson/chapter) on what impacted you through your learning and how you may apply this principle today in the discipleship of others. This will constitute one-half (50%) of your grade for the course. Please type this summary essay noting Student Name, Course

Number & Course Title, and Date of Completion. This summary essay should be in Times New Roman font 12, double-spaced, include a course title page, and be submitted as outlined in the B302 Degree Requirement description above.

6. Successful completion of the Final Examination (25%) will constitute the remainder of your grade for the course.

B502 - (MASTERS) – 4 CREDIT - DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For students taking this course on a Master's level, the student must:

1. Maintain a minimum of a "B" average for the course.
2. Read all materials assigned.
3. Study the review materials.
4. Before taking the final examination, the student will submit a ten (10)- page essay on any topic pertaining to the subject studied in this course. This ten (10)-page essay includes a cover page & bibliography page. The essay is to be typed double spaced, in New Times Roman type font, 12 font size. The instructions for essay/assignment submission are as follows: Coursework may be electronically uploaded into the Online Student Portal (if taking the course as an Online Student); submitted to the overseeing Instructor (if taking the course as part of a Distance Learning (DLC) Center); or electronically emailed to Assignment@chesapeakebiblecollege.com. The essay will constitute one-half (50%) of your grade for the course.
5. Successful completion of the Lesson/Chapter Quizzes (25%) and Final (25%) Examinations will constitute the remainder of your grades for the course.

B702 - (DOCTORS) – 4 CREDIT - DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For students taking this course on a Doctor's level, the requirements are the same as the Master's degree (see above) except the student must write a twenty (20)-page essay, instead of a ten (10)- page essay. This twenty (20)-page essay includes a cover page & bibliography page. The essay may be submitted as outlined in the B502 Degree Requirement and the Master's Degree descriptions above.



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COURSE INTRODUCTION

Read the Foreword & Introduction

Lesson 1 - Chapter One: The Origin of the Gospels

- Read the accompanying Syllabi sections of course work
- Read and reflect on accompanying Scriptures as relevant to the course work
- Review study materials as applicable for this lesson
- Complete the lesson/chapter Quiz applicable to this section of study
- Reflect on how your learning may apply today in the discipleship of others

Section 1 – Introduction

Section 2 – History of the Gospels

Section 3 – Oral Tradition

Section 4 – The Interdependence Theories

Section 5 – The Documentary Theories

Section 6 – Formgeschichte (Form Theory)

THE ORIGIN OF THE GOSPELS QUIZ DUE

Lesson 2 - Chapter 2: The Gospel of Matthew

- Read the accompanying Syllabi sections of course work
- Read the Gospel of Matthew
- Review study materials as applicable for this lesson
- Complete the lesson/chapter Quiz applicable to this section of study
- Reflect on how your learning may apply today in the discipleship of others

Section 1 – Matthew: Author, Date, Theme, Structure

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW QUIZ DUE

Lesson 3 - Chapter 3: The Gospel of Mark

- Read the accompanying Syllabi sections of course work
- Read the Gospel of Mark
- Review study materials as applicable for this lesson
- Complete the lesson/chapter Quiz applicable to this section of study
- Reflect on how your learning may apply today in the discipleship of others

Section 1 – Mark: Author, Qualifications, Place, Content, and Defining Characteristics

THE GOSPEL OF MARK QUIZ DUE

Lesson 4 - Chapter 4: The Gospel of Luke

- Read the accompanying Syllabi sections of course work
- Read the Gospel of Luke
- Review study materials as applicable for this lesson
- Complete the lesson/chapter Quiz applicable to this section of study
- Reflect on how your learning may apply today in the discipleship of others

Section 1 – Luke: Author, Tradition, Language, Information, Content, Date, and Location

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE QUIZ DUE

Lesson 5 - Chapter 5: The Gospel of John

- Read the accompanying Syllabi sections of course work
- Read the Gospel of John
- Review study materials as applicable for this lesson
- Complete the lesson/chapter Quiz applicable to this section of study
- Reflect on how your learning may apply today in the discipleship of others

Section 1 – John: Author, Date, Theme, Structure

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN QUIZ DUE

Lesson 6 - Chapter 6: The Gospels, Synoptic

- Read the accompanying Syllabi sections of course work
- Reflect on the differences of the Synoptic Gospels to the Gospel of John
- Review study materials as applicable for this lesson
- Complete the lesson/chapter Quiz applicable to this section of study
- Reflect on how your learning may apply today in the discipleship of others

Section 1 – Introduction

Section 2 – The Synoptic Problem

Section 3 – The Data

Section 4 – The Explanation

Section 5 – Conclusion

THE GOSPELS, SYNOPTIC QUIZ DUE

SUMMARY ESSAY PAGES / ESSAY ASSIGNMENT DUE: The instructions for essay/assignment submission are as follows: Coursework may be electronically uploaded into the Online Student Portal (if taking the course as an Online Student); submitted to the overseeing Instructor (if taking the course as part of a Distance Learning (DLC) Center); or electronically emailed to Assignment@chesapeakebiblecollege.com.

FINAL EXAM DUE

APPENDIX LISTING – Extra Study Text: Handout on the Keys to the Tree of Jesus' Life and Harmony of the Gospels

Introduction

Appendix I

- The Pre-Existent Christ

Appendix II

- The Christ of Prophecy

Appendix III

- The Christ of Obscurity

Appendix IV

- The Ministering Christ

Appendix V

- The Suffering Christ (The Passion Week)

Appendix VI

- The Risen Christ

Appendix VII

- The Glorified Christ

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