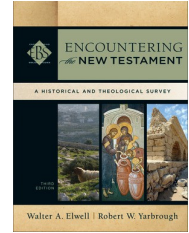


BST 320 The Gospels and Acts

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop a deeper understanding of the life, teachings, and ministry of Jesus.

Recommended Textbook: The recommended textbook for this course is *Encountering the New Testament*, 3rd Edition. The authors are Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough. Hardcover, 448 pages. ©2013, Baker Publishing Group, ISBN-13: 9780801039645. A *Life Application Study Bible* is also recommended.



Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to:

1. Explain the form and function of the gospels and the Book of Acts.
2. Identify the major content areas of each book including audience, purpose, theme and distinctive features.
3. Understand the cultural, historical and political conditions in New Testament times, and know how these impact the New Testament Scriptures.
4. Discuss the major events in the ministry of Jesus.
5. Discuss specific ways in which the gospels are similar and how they differ.

Structure: This course is divided into two sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook

BST 320.1 Encountering Jesus and the Gospels Part I

First Area of Study: Why Study the New Testament?

Second Area of Study: The Middle East in the Days of Jesus

Third Area of Study: The Gospel and the Four Gospels

Fourth Area of Study: The Gospel of Matthew: The Messiah Has Come!

Fifth Area of Study: The Gospel of Mark: Son of God, Servant of All

Sixth Area of Study: The Gospel of Luke: A Savior for All People

Seventh Area of Study: The Gospel of John: Eternal Life through His Name

BST 320.2 Encountering Jesus and the Gospels Part II

First Area of Study: Man from Galilee: The Life of Jesus Christ

Second Area of Study: Lord, Teach Us: The Teaching Ministry of Jesus Christ

Third Area of Study: Modern Approaches to the New Testament

Fourth Area of Study: The Modern Study of the Gospel

Fifth Area of Study: The Modern Search for Jesus

BST 320.3 Encountering Acts and the Earliest Church

First Area of Study: The World and Identity of the Earliest Church

Second Area of Study: Acts 1-7: The Earliest Days of the Church

Third Area of Study: Acts 8-12: Salvation for Both Jew and Gentile

Fourth Area of Study: Acts 13-28: The Light of Christ to the Ends of the Earth

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the New Testament I Examination. The exam has two parts which correspond to the sections listed above.