

ZMTI 103 Intro to New Testament

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Express the political, social, and religious background of the New Testament.
- Recognize the authorship, date, and purpose of the New Testament books.
- Explain the context of the New Testament books including the theme, writing, and content.

Text for the course, *A Popular Survey of the New Testament* by Norman Geisler.

Class Requirements:

- Attendance. Participants must attend a minimum of 80% of classes to receive a passing grade.
- Participate in class discussions.
- Read all assigned readings by the start of the next class.
- Participants will write a 3-page double-spaced paper on a particular book of the New Testament. The paper should include a discussion on the author, audience, main themes, and application. The paper should have a title page, and page numbers and be turned into the instructor on week 7 at the beginning of class. **(Remember that plagiarizing is cheating.)**

Class Schedule:

Week 1: Discussion of Syllabus and introduction of Gospels. Matthew and Mark

Week 2: The Gospels & Acts. Luke, John, and Acts

Week 3: Introduction to the Epistles. Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians

Week 4: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians

Week 5: Philemon, 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Week 6: 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews.

Week 7: **(Paper Due)** James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1 John

Week 8: 2 & 3 John, Jude, and Revelation.

Grades will be based on the following:

Assigned Reading 25%

Class Discussions 25%

Insight paper 50%

Total 100%

Additional Resources (Not Required): Carson, D.A. *New Testament Commentary Survey*. 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1993. Ferguson, Everett. *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1993. Lea, Thomas D. *The New Testament: Its Background and Message*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 1996.