

Course Overview

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Course Description

This course explores the Gospels, letters, history (Book of Acts), and apocalyptic literature (Book of Revelation) that comprises what is more commonly known as the "New Testament" of the Judeo-Christian Bible. The student will develop a basic understanding of the Christian Scriptures' meaning for the people to whom they were written. This course is based on the premise that, whatever else the Christian Scriptures may be; they most definitely *are* the response of early Christian writers to both the person and the message of Jesus Christ. This course examines the Christian Scriptures as a testament *about* Jesus by early Christian communities.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the course learners will be able to:

- Describe and explain the four major divisions of the Christian Scriptures
 - Gospel
 - Letter
 - History
 - Apocalyptic literature
- For each of the four canonical Gospels, describe the view of Jesus the writer presents
- Examine the emergence of the Christian church as an organization separate from Judaism
- Describe the essential elements of the Apostle Paul's theology
- Describe the significance of the Book of Revelation

Required Books

- **Bible** (New Revised Standard Version)
- Borg, Marcus J. *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, New York: Harper Collins, 1989.

Live Class Sessions All times listed in Central Time

July 2024

1. Thursday, July 18 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

2. Thursday, July 25 – 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

August 2024

- 3. Thursday, August 1 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 4. Thursday, August 8 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 5. Thursday, August 15 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 6. Thursday, August 22 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 7. Thursday, August 29 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 8. Thursday, September 5 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.