

CG 5315 : Gospels

This graduate introduction to the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) will focus on the text of each of these Gospels and their respective literary, historical and social contexts. The course will begin with an overview of the OT traditions that the canonical Gospels build upon. Following an introduction to the canonical Gospels, special attention will be given to key texts that will help to provide a greater understanding of the teaching of Jesus as well as insight into the theological perspective of each of the individual evangelists. Attention will also be given to the origin and growth of these Gospels and the communities they address within the context of early Christianity. Included is the study of how each gospel is fashioned in such a way so as to make them unique and effective in deepening the faith of their own particular churches and of us today as well. This is a Roman Catholic approach to the Scriptures in light of Dei Verbum that makes use of the critical tools of contemporary biblical scholarship of historical, literary, theological (that includes the spiritual) and pastoral interest.

Credits 3

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