

EXPOSITORY PREACHING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT-JOHN
BSNT8301 Professional Doctoral Seminar
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Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Course Purpose, Core Value Focus, and Curriculum Competencies

The purpose of this course is to enhance the student's ability to develop expository sermons based upon sound exegesis of the biblical text. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The Core Value Focus for the 2008-2009 academic year is Doctrinal Integrity. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity in that the course is designed to prepare the student to grow in the understanding and application of the Word of God. Characteristic Excellence is also addressed in that the student should be as prepared as possible to be a minister for Christ. This course addresses the competency of Biblical Exposition and Worship Leadership by preparing the student to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately.

Course Description

This seminar centers on preparing expository sermons and deriving homiletical values from selected portions of the New Testament. The work is aimed at providing a model upon which students can establish an effective life-discipline of study and sermon preparation. The exegetical part is normally taught by a New Testament professor and the expository section by a Preaching professor. This course may be repeated as long as a different New Testament text is being studied.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the student will have:

1. Gained a mastery of the historical background of the Gospel of John.
2. Completed an exegesis of a selected passage from the English text of the Gospel of John.
3. Developed a broad understanding of the text through exegetical and homiletical commentaries on the Gospel of John.
4. Learned to appreciate the value of New Testament narrative for preaching.
5. Developed sermons from the Gospel of John that will incorporate the results of exegesis as well as application and interpretation in light of the contemporary setting.

Course Teaching Methodology

The lectures by the professors will provide the basis for background and movement from subject to subject within the seminar. Assigned topics and Scriptural passages will be

designed to sharpen the student's knowledge and skills in important areas of study in the Gospel of John. Dialogue and discussion during the seminar will enhance the learning experience. Small group interaction will also be employed.

Seminar Requirements:

1. Each student will read the textbooks:

Gary L. Burge, *John: The NIV Application Commentary*, Zondervan, 2000
(ISBN 0310497507)

Leon Morris, *The Gospel According to John, Revised*, New International Commentary on the New Testament, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1995 (ISBN 0802825044)

2. Each student will prepare a **Background Brief** on a Critical Issue or Major Theme from the Gospel of **John**. Please select a first, second, and third choice from the following list of Background Briefs and email your choices to Dr. Ray (cray@nobts.edu). He will assign the topics in the order in which he receives the emails. The **Exposition** must reflect use of the two required texts/commentaries plus two (2) other texts/commentaries of choice. The **Background Brief** is to be 6-8 pages in length, double-spaced. Each student will make a 10-15 minute verbal presentation of the **Background Brief** during the seminar. Consult Turabian 6th edition as format and style guide for the **Background Brief**. **The Background Brief is due the beginning of the seminar, March 16.**

Background Briefs

1. Date of the Gospel of John
 2. Authorship, including identity of Beloved Disciple
 3. Relationship between the Gospel of John and the Synoptic Gospels
 4. Dislocations and sources in the Gospel of John
 5. The historical reliability of the Gospel of John
 6. Theological themes in the Gospel of John
 7. The text of the Gospel of John
3. Each student will prepare one (1) **Exegetical Paper** from a selected text in the Gospel of **John**. Please select a first, second, and third choice from the following list of **Exegetical Texts** and email your choices to Dr. Ray (cray@nobts.edu). He will assign the texts in the order in which he receives the emails. The **Exegesis** must reflect use of the two required texts/commentaries plus two (2) other texts/commentaries of choice. The **Exegesis** is to be 10-12 pages in length, double-spaced. Each student will make a 15-20 minute verbal presentation of the **Exegesis** during the seminar. Consult Turabian 6th edition as format and style guide for the **Exegesis**. **The Exegesis is due the beginning of the seminar, March 16.**

Exegetical Texts

1. John 1:1-34
2. John 3:1-21

3. John 4:1-42
4. John 6:22-59
5. John 7:32-52
6. John 9:1-41
7. John 12:20-50
8. John 13:1-38
9. John 15:1-16:4
10. John 17:1-26
11. John 20:1-31
12. John 21:1-25

4. Each student will submit a **Final Project** consisting of **eight sermon briefs** and **one sermon manuscript**, developed from one of the eight sermon briefs. The sermon briefs can be expository (eight sermons from selected portions of John) or thematic (I am sayings, etc.). The student will include a 3-5 page introduction to the sermon briefs explaining the purpose and scope of the series and defending the selection of units. **The Final Project is due May 21.**

Seminar Evaluation:

The grade for the seminar will be divided equally as follows:

- 25% Seminar Participation
- 25% Background Brief
- 25% Exposition
- 25% Final Project

Seminar Schedule:

- Monday: 1-4:00 PM Background Papers
Dinner Break
6-9:00 PM John 1-4
- Tuesday: 8-11:00 AM John 5-8
Lunch Break
1-4:00 PM John 9-12
Dinner Break
6:00-8:00 PM John 13-17
- Wednesday 8:00-12:00 PM John 18-21

Directed Study Requirements:

1. Each student will complete **all four (4)** of the Seminar Requirements listed above.
2. Each student will write an **Introduction Paper** on the **Gospel of John**. The length of the **Introduction Paper** is to be 8-10 pages. **The Introduction Paper is due on or before April 16. Please mail to Dr. Ray.**

3. Each student will select a text from the Gospel of **John**, preach a message from the text, videotape the worship service in which the sermon is preached, and submit a 1500 word sermon manuscript of the sermon. **The video tape and sermon brief is due on or before April 30. Please mail to Dr. Nix.**

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