



# LEAVELL COLLEGE

AT NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## New Testament Studies Life of Jesus: LCBS3332-30 (211)

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will survey the principal theological ideas and themes related to the person and work of Jesus Christ. Particular attention will be given to the doctrines of the humanity of Christ, deity of Christ, and Atonement. *Prerequisite: Christian Doctrine.*

### COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will be able to:

1. Understand the background materials and the text related to the Gospels in light of the historical background;
2. Demonstrate his/her understanding of the text in the historical context through discussions and written assignments; and
3. Relate his/her understanding of the importance of the Gospels and the teachings related to Jesus.

### COURSE TEXTS

The following textbook is required:

Strauss, Mark L. *Four Portraits, One Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.  
ISBN 13: 978-0-310-22697-0

Any modern English translation of the Holy Bible (NIV, ESV, NASB, HCSB, etc.)

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Attendance and Participation** (10%)  
Each student is expected to attend and participate in class.
2. **Required Reading** (10%)  
Each student is required to read the assigned material prior to coming to class. This includes both readings from the textbook and from the Gospels.

**3. Written Assignments (20%)**

Throughout the semester, various daily assignments will be made in order to prepare for discussion or to put into practice the information.

**4. Four Essays (40%)**

The student will be assigned four essays throughout the semester. Each essay will be graded on content and presentation. The topics will be assigned a week before they are due.

**5. Gospel Reports (20%)**

The student will read the four Gospels according to the schedule. Reading reports will be completed regarding the readings of the four Gospels each week. These reports are to be brought to class on Monday of each week. Late reports will not be accepted.

**EVALUATION**

The final evaluation for the course will be tabulated according to the following percentage breakdown:

Textbook Reading	10%
Written assignments	20%
Four essays	40%
Gospel reports	20%
Attendance/Participation	10%
	100%

**GRADING SCALE**

- A: 93 - 100
- B: 85 - 92
- C: 77 - 84
- D: 70 - 76
- F: below 70

**COURSE OUTLINE**

Week	Class Dates	Topic/ Reading from Strauss	Gospel Readings	Assignment Due Dates
<i>1</i>	<i>Aug. 24</i>	Intro to Course		
<i>2</i>	<i>Aug. 31</i>	Chapters 1 and 2	Mark 1-8	
<i>3</i>	<i>Sept. 7</i>	Labor Day	No Class	
<i>4</i>	<i>Sept. 14</i>	Chapters 3,4	Mark 9-16	<b>Due on Blackboard by Sept. 14: Essay #1</b>
<i>5</i>	<i>Sept. 21</i>	Chapter 5	Matt. 1-8	<b>Due on Blackboard by Sept. 26: Gospel of Mark Report</b>

Week	Class Dates	Topic/ Reading from Strauss	Gospel Readings	Assignment Due Dates
6	<i>Sept. 28</i>	Chapters 6,7	Matt. 9-14	
7	<i>Oct. 5</i>	Chapter 8	Matt. 15-22	<b>Due on Blackboard by Oct. 10 Essay #2</b>
8	<i>Oct. 12</i>	Chapter 9	Matt. 23-28	<b>Due on Blackboard by Oct. 17: Gospel of Matthew Report</b>
9	<i>Oct. 19-24</i>	Fall Break-no class		
10	<i>Oct. 26</i>	Chapter 10	Luke 1-8	
11	<i>Nov. 2</i>	Chapters 11, 12	Luke 9-16	
12	<i>Nov. 9</i>	Chapters 13,14	Luke 17-24	<b>Due on Blackboard by Nov. 14: Essay #3</b>
13	<i>Nov. 16</i>	Chapters 15, 16	John 1-7	<b>Due on Blackboard by Nov. 21: Gospel of Luke Report</b>
14	<i>Nov. 23-28</i>	Thanksgiving Break		No class
15	<i>Nov. 30</i>	Chapters 17,18	John 8-12	
16	<i>Dec. 7</i>	Chapters 19, 20	John 13-21	<b>Due on Blackboard by Dec. 9: Essay #4</b>
	<i>Dec. 14</i>			<b>Due on Blackboard by Dec. 14: Gospel of John Report</b>

#### ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

1. Attendance Policy: Leavell College follows the attendance policy as stated in the Leavell College catalog.
2. Policy for Late Submissions: All late assignments will be penalized five points for the first day and one point per day thereafter, with no assignments being accepted more than one week past the due date.
3. Plagiarism Policy: A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all Leavell College students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, submitting material without properly citing the source, submitting the same material for credit in more than one course, and committing other such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden. *Although anything cited in three sources is considered public domain, we*

require that all sources be cited. Any infraction may result in failing the assignment and the course. Any infraction will be reported to the Dean of Leavell College for further action.

4. Classroom and Online Decorum: Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of the others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times. Electronic devices should be used only for classroom purposes as indicated by the professor.
5. Special Needs: If you need accommodations for a disability, please set up a meeting with the professor for consideration of any modifications you may need.
6. Emergency Plan: In the event the NOBTS schedule is impacted due to a natural event, go to the seminary's website for pertinent information. Class will continue as scheduled through the Blackboard site. Please note announcements and assignments on the course's Blackboard site.
7. Technical Assistance: For general NOBTS technical help, go to [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/)

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