

# **RELS 300: THE LIFE OF JESUS**

Course Syllabus

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## **PURPOSE AND CONTENT**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to serious historical study of the life of Jesus of Nazareth. We will focus on the New Testament Gospels as the most reliable sources for understanding Jesus.

## **FORMAT**

This is a Web course and will be taught on Blackboard.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

- a modern translation of the Bible
- Robert H. Stein, *Jesus the Messiah: A Survey of the Life of Christ* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1996)
- N. T. Wright, *The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1999)

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Fifteen weekly writing assignments.
- A book summary.
- A final paper.

## **GRADING**

Points and grading scale to be determined.

**NOTE:** Online courses should not be assumed to be “easy.” They are for students who are highly motivated, organized, and disciplined. If these adjectives do not apply to you, you might wish to look elsewhere.

*Further information and instructions TBA.*