

HINE 110: JESUS, THE GOSPELS, AND HISTORY

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MWF 9:00 to 9:50 AM
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REQUIRED TEXTS:

NRSV Bible with Apocrypha (Hendrickson)
Robert J. Miller, ed., *The Complete Gospels: Annotated Scholar's Version* (Polebridge)
John Dominic Crossan, *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography* (HarperOne)
Course Reader (A.S. Soft Reserves)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Bart D. Ehrman. *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*
(Oxford UP, 2007)

GRADE BREAKDOWN:

Attendance & Participation	15%
Midterm	20%
Research Paper (1500 to 2000 words)	35%
Final Exam	30%

LATE ASSIGNMENTS:

Late assignments will be docked 1/3 of a letter grade per calendar day late (including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays). For example, if the assignment is due on a Wednesday, and a student hands it in the following Monday, the assignment will be docked 1 2/3 grades.

READING SCHEDULE

Readings should be completed before the class for which they are assigned

PART 1: BACKGROUND

Lecture 1 (3/30): Introduction to the Course

Lecture 2 (4/1): The Greco-Roman Heritage

Reading: "Hellenistic Religion" (READER)
Porphyry, *The Life of Pythagoras* (READER)

Lecture 3 (4/3): The "Judaisms" of the Second Temple Period

Reading: 1 Macc. 1:1-24; 2 Macc. 4:7-29, 5:1-27; Daniel 7:1-28; 2 Esdras 12:1-39
"On Political Unrest in First-Century Palestine" (READER)

Lecture 4 (4/6): Reading the Gospels

Reading: Ehrman, "The Historical Jesus;" Koester, "The Term 'Gospel'" (READER)

PART 2: THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Lecture 5 (4/8): The Gospel of Mark (I)

Reading: The Gospel of Mark

Lecture 6 (4/10): The Gospel of Mark (II)

Reading: Koester, "The Story of the Gospel of Mark" (READER)
"Analysis of Mark" (READER)

Lecture 7 (4/13): The Gospel of Mark (III)

Reading: The Secret Gospel of Mark

Lecture 8 (4/15): The Gospel of Matthew (I)

Reading: The Gospel of Matthew

Lecture 9 (4/17): The Gospel of Matthew (II)

Lecture 10 (4/20): The Gospel of Luke (I)

Reading: The Gospel of Luke

Lecture 11 (4/22): The Development of the Gospel Traditions and the Synoptic Problem

Reading: Koester, "The Synoptic Sayings Source" (READER)

Lecture 12 (4/24): The Q Sayings Source

Reading: The Sayings Gospel Q (CG)

PART 3: OTHER RELEVANT GOSPELS

Lecture 13 (4/27): The Gospel of Thomas

Reading: The Gospel of Thomas (CG)

Lecture 14 (4/29): The Fourth Gospel (I)

Reading: The Gospel of John

Lecture 15 (5/1): The Fourth Gospel (II)

Lecture 16 (5/4): The Gospels of Peter and Mary

The Gospel of Peter, The Gospel of Mary (CG)

Lecture 17 (5/6): MIDTERM

PART 4: THE QUEST FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS

Lecture 18 (5/8): The Three Quests for the Historical Jesus

Reading: Wright, "Quest for the Historical Jesus" (READER)

Lecture 19 (5/11): John Dominic Crossan's Approach (I)

Reading: Crossan, *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography* (first half)

Lecture 20 (5/13): John Dominic Crossan's Approach (II)

Reading: Crossan, *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography* (second half)

Lecture 21 (5/15): E. P. Sanders's Approach (I)

Reading: Sanders, *The Historical Figure of Jesus* (READER)

Lecture 22 (5/18): E. P. Sanders's Approach (II)

Reading: Sanders, *Jesus and Judaism* (READER)

PART 5: CONTEXTUALIZING JESUS

Lecture 23 (5/20): First-Century Galilee

Lecture 24 (5/22): Jesus and Archaeology

Reading: Crossan and Reed, "Jewish Resistance to Roman Domination" (READER)

No class on 5/25 (Memorial Day)

Lecture 25 (5/27): Jesus and Economics

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Reading: Fiensy, "Jesus in Galilee" (READER)

Lecture 26 (5/29): Jesus and Politics

Reading: Horsley, "The Imperial Situation of Palestinian Jewish Society" (READER)

Lecture 27 (6/1): Jesus' Halakhah

Reading: Fiensy, "Jesus and Purity" (READER)

Chilton, "Recovering Jesus' *Mamzerut*" (READER)

Lecture 28 (6/3): Jesus' Apocalyptic and Social Messages

Lecture 29 (6/5): Concluding Remarks

FINAL EXAM (6/10): 8:00-11:59 AM (WEDNESDAY)