

BS622 Literature & Theology of the New Testament

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Instructor | Dr. Jennifer McNeel |
| Schedule | Mondays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm |
| Description | This course is an introduction to the New Testament in its historical and social settings, focusing on an exploration of the unique content and theological themes of each New Testament book. The tools and methods of biblical studies will be employed to engage in critical and theological readings of New Testament texts. As such, the course will enrich faithful Christian life and ministry in the world and serve as a foundation for future study of the New Testament within and beyond the Ecumenical Institute. |
| Requirements | Reading – Students should expect to read at most 1,000 pages of required reading. In addition to readings from the required textbooks, students will also be required to read supplementary articles provided by the instructor and most of the New Testament. |
| | Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 short assignments (2 pages each) and a final paper (10-12 pages), for a course total of 18-20 pages • Regular, short discussion board posts |
| | Other Assignments – Take-home, open-book midterm exam |

Required Texts:

| Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition) | Cost | Pages to be read |
|---|-----------|--|
| Mark Allan Powell, <i>Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey</i> (Baker Academic, 2018, Second Edition) | \$40 | 458 |
| Burton H. Throckmorton, <i>Gospel Parallels</i> (Thomas Nelson, 1992, 5 th Edition with NRSV) | \$25 | Used as reference |
| One of the following (student's choice): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce W. Longenecker, <i>The Lost Letters of Pergamum: A Story from the New Testament World</i> (Baker Academic, 2016, Second Edition) OR • Paula Gooder, <i>Phoebe: A Story</i> (IVP Academic, 2018) | \$15-20 | 204 OR 304 |
| One of the following study Bibles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SBL Study Bible (HarperOne, 2023) – the older version of this Bible – The HarperCollins Study Bible – is also acceptable OR • The New Interpreter's Study Bible (Abingdon Press, 2003) OR • The Catholic Study Bible, (Oxford University Press, 2016, 3rd Edition) OR | \$30-\$40 | Text of most of the NT, plus using notes for reference |

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The New Oxford Annotated Bible (Oxford University Press, 2018, 5th Edition) <p><i>If a student already owns a different academic study Bible, he or she may ask the instructor if it will be acceptable for use in the class.</i></p> | | |
|--|--|--|