

TM 642: Introduction to the New Testament

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A historical and theological introduction to the NT and to methods of biblical interpretation. You are expected to read carefully the entire NT. The classes are intended as a guide to that reading.

Textbook: You may use the New Revised Standard Version, the Revised Standard Version, or the New American Bible Revised. The *Harper-Collins Study Bible* (2006 edition) and my book *Who Is Jesus? Why Is He Important?* should be available at the BC Bookstore.

Requirements: Two take-home exams in the form of two 500-word essays on the Gospels (due July 14) and on the Epistles (due July 18). I will supply the questions early in the first week.

Schedule: You should be reading carefully the New Testament texts we cover in class and the pertinent sections in my little book *Who Is Jesus?*.

July 7 (M): The Book; NT World; Jesus; Synoptic Problem; How to Read the NT (*Who*, pp. 1-17).

July 8 (T): Mark and Matthew (*Who*, p. 19-37).

July 9 (W): Luke and Acts (*Who*, pp. 39-57).

July 10 (Th): John and John's Epistles (*Who*, pp. 59-77).

July 11 (F): Paul's Letters (*Who*, pp. 79-99).

July 14 (M): Romans (*Who*, pp. 101-117).

July 15 (T): Secondary Paulines (*Who*, pp. 119-137).

July 16 (W): 1 Peter and Hebrews (*Who*, pp. 139-155, 164-170).

July 17 (Th): James, Jude, 2 Peter, Revelation I (*Who*, pp. 157-177).

July 18 (F): Revelation (*Who*, pp. 179-198).