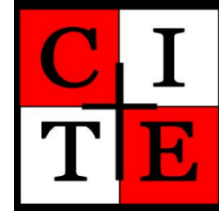




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BIBL 1212 – Life of Christ: Matthew

Winter Term 2017 (Jan 9 – Mar 24)

Thursday 5:15-8pm

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Course Description:

This course is a study of the life and teachings of Jesus as set forth in the Gospel of Matthew. Special attention is given to the deity of Jesus, His miracles, His teachings, with a focus on the Sermon on the Mount, His death and His resurrection.

Course Objectives:

1. Information: Students will gain a foundational knowledge of the life and teachings of Jesus as revealed in the Gospel of Matthew.
2. Exploration: Students will critically evaluate a passage, concept, or word from the Gospel of Matthew through research and communicate their results in a paper.
3. Transformation: Students will learn to apply the teachings of Jesus to a life of discipleship and living the ways of Jesus.

Required Texts:

Yancey, Philip. The Jesus I Never Knew. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995. **ISBN:** 0-310-38570-9

Recommended Texts:

ESV Study Bible, Crossway, 2008. **ISBN-13:** 978-1-4335-0241-5

Course Requirements

1. Quizzes/Attendance (30%):

Regular quizzes will be given at the beginning of each class over the assigned reading for that day. If you are in class on time at the beginning of the quiz you will receive 50% credit. The quiz itself is worth the other 50% of the daily total.

A student is permitted one (1) excused absence (illness, official university representation or family emergency) in this course. This will only cover 50% of the daily grade. Quizzes MAY NOT be made up.

The Faith Story Assignment will be worth 2 quiz grades. Additional requirements will be provided on the first day of class.

2. Class Participation (10%):

Students are expected to actively participate in discussions, debates, and/or other activities. Excellent participation requires near-perfect attendance, a demonstrated knowledge of assigned daily readings, and engagement in class discussions.

3. Research Paper (15%):

Students will research a passage/concept/word from the Gospel of Matthew (student's choice) and write a 6-8 page paper on their research. Students must use a minimum of 5 sources and cite all information that is not the student's own opinion or knowledge. Plagiarized papers will receive a zero. A paper proposal is to be e-mailed to the instructor by class time on **January 26** with the passage/concept/ word, reason for choosing the topic, possible words to be studied, and a partial bibliography. The paper grade will be lowered 10 points if a proposal is not received by class time. Paper due on **March 16** at the beginning of class.

4. Exams (45%)

There will be three exams. These exams will cover in-class material and readings. They will be short answer, and essay. Each exam will be worth 15% of the course grade. The Final will be comprehensive and is also worth 15% of the course grade. Students must bring a blue essay book to the exams.

Grading Scale:

A = 100-90 B = 89-80 C = 79-70 D = 69-60 F = 59 and below

Course Policies

1. Academic Honesty Policy:

Academic honesty is expected of all students. Any form of cheating, copying, or dishonesty is unacceptable. These include: helping another student on an exam, using unauthorized aids during exams, falsely claiming authorship on an assignment, and plagiarizing material. Ultimately, this only hurts you as it destroys your opportunity to learn and grow as a disciple in this course.

Plagiarism is the use of another's words and/or ideas without giving the author the credit. If you have questions about this, go to the following webpage for a brief description with examples: www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml. Academic dishonesty will result in a "0" for the assignment and following the process outlined in the current OC academic catalog.

2. Late Work Policy:

Assignments will be considered late if not turned in to me at the beginning of class on the day it is due. Assignments that are late will be deducted 5% of the grade for each day that it is late (excluding Sundays). Work that is more than 7 days late will not be accepted for any points.

Exams: The opportunity to make up exams will not be granted automatically and are only available at my discretion. Make-up exams may be entirely essay and will definitely be harder. There are two legitimate reasons for missing an exam: extreme illness and urgent personal emergency. Both must be verified by an outside source (i.e. written doctor note). Please note that travel arrangements or attending weddings or family gatherings are *not* acceptable reasons for missing an exam.

3. Classroom and Electronic Etiquette Policy:

Students are expected to be on time to class and actively engaged to create a healthy learning environment. I view this as being respectful of both myself and your fellow students.

- a. Tardiness is disruptive and reduces your participation grade.
- b. Cell phones are to be turned off. Texting and calls destroy a healthy learning environment.
- c. Laptops can be used for note-taking but NOT for surfing the web, email, completing assignments, or other distracting activities. Engaging in these will result in a zero for the day.

Engaging in disrespectful and distracting things during class will negatively impact your participation grade. You may also be asked to leave class.

4. Mission Statement:

Courses taught in The Campbell Institute for Theological Education are accredited by Oklahoma Christian University. The mission statement of Oklahoma Christian University is "to be a premier Christian institution of higher learning and higher calling".

5. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA/504) Statement:

If you have a diagnosed disability and need special accommodations, please notify Katy Roybal (405.425.1876) before or immediately after your first scheduled class meeting. After your disability has been verified, I will work with you, with Mrs. Roybal, and with the Oklahoma Christian University Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure that you have a fair opportunity to perform well in the course.

6. Prohibition Against Harassment:

Harassment, as defined in the student handbook, is not tolerated at Oklahoma Christian University. Harassment is unchristian and uncivil behavior. It is a breach of community, which expresses disrespect, exploits and undermines relationships based on trust, and interferes with learning and productive work. If you feel that you have been subjected to harassment, you may contact one of the Title IX coordinators listed on pages 19 & 20 of the OC Student Handbook (<http://www.oc.edu/dotAsset/f0fb7a56-15dd-4f39-978f-bcf8cc132a6e.pdf>) to discuss remedies. The Title IX coordinator at OC is Ms. Tamie Willis (Tamie.Willis@oc.edu); Campus phone number: 405.425.5320.

7. Copyright Policy:

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Course Schedule

Class Date	Topic	Bible	Yancey
January 12	Course Introduction Matthew 1-2		
January 19	Matthew 3-5 Faith Story Assignment Due	Matthew 1-5	1-2
January 26	Matthew 6-7	Matthew 6-7	3-4
February 2	Exam #1 Matthew 8-9	Matthew 8-9	5
February 9	Matthew 10-14	Matthew 10-14	6
February 16	Matthew 15-17 Research Paper Proposal Due	Matthew 15-17	7-8
February 23	Matthew 18-20	Matthew 18-20	9-10
March 2	Exam #2 Matthew 21-23	Matthew 21-23	11
March 9	Matthew 24-26	Matthew 24-26	12-13
March 16	Matthew 27-28 Research Paper Due	Matthew 27-28 & Acts 1	14
March 23	Final Exam		