

## **BIB 102 (3 units): New Testament History and Religion**

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Section 5 / T-R / 11:00-12:15 / RLC 102

Section 8 / T-R / 2:30-3:45 / Liberty Station 205B

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### **Catalogue Course Description:**

“Within the context of Christian origins, an overview of the canonical literature of the New Testament with special attention to its literary history and theological themes.”

This course is one of the components of the General Education Program at PLNU, under the category of “Responding to the Sacred.” By including this course in a common educational experience for undergraduates, the faculty supports the “study of Scripture and Christian heritage as foundational in the pursuit of knowledge and the development of personal values.”

### **Course Outcomes:**

Students will be able to:

- 1) Identify the historical contexts of the New Testament.
- 2) Articulate the unity of the Old Testament and New Testament in its canonical context within the diverse literature of the Christian canon.
- 3) Articulate and appreciate the ways in which the Bible, understood as given by divine inspiration, functions as the church’s central norm for Christian discipleship, faith and practice.
- 4) Articulate the basic content of the books of the New Testament and the methods appropriate to the interpretation of those books.

### **Required Texts:**

1. The *Bible* in a standard translation, such as *NIV*, *ESV*, *NRSV*, *NKJV*, *NASB*, etc. Single person translations and paraphrases are not acceptable. **ALWAYS BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CLASS!!!**
2. Rodeheaver, Steve. *Snapshots of the Kingdom: Glimpses of Heaven on Earth*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1998.
3. Varughese, Alex, ed. *Discovering the New Testament: Community and Faith*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2005.
4. Wright, N.T. *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*. New York: Harper One, 2006.

### **Recommended:**

1. That you obtain a quality “Study Bible” such as the *NIV Study Bible* or the *ESV Study Bible* to name two.
2. Fee, Gordon and Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth: A Guide to Understanding the Bible*, 3rd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

### **Course Requirements:**

1. **Read, Connect, Reflect.** There are ten New Testament reading assignments, each worth 10 points. Upon completion of each reading assignment, report on Canvas your reading percentage, New (or Old) Testament connections you made while reading, and brief life reflections. This is worth 10% of your grade.
2. **Response to *Simply Christian* worth 10%. Due Thursday, Oct. 1.**
3. **One midterm exam, worth 20% of your grade.**

4. There will be **seven online canvas quizzes** covering the assigned reading in *Discovering the New Testament*. The quizzes will combine for **15%** of your grade.
5. A **five page paper**, worth **20%** of your grade, in which you interpret a New Testament passage. You may select your own passage but it must be approved by the prof. Further instructions for this paper will be given. **The paper is due in class on Thursday, Nov. 19.**
6. A **“Kingdom of God” reflection paper**, worth **5%** of your grade, in which you reflect on the Kingdom of God in dialogue with the Gospels and with *Snapshots of the Kingdom*. Attention needs to be given to the eschatological tension of the Kingdom as well as the difference between heaven and the Kingdom of God. Length of paper is two pages (three max). **Due Thursday, Dec. 10.**
7. A **final comprehensive exam**, worth **20%** of your grade.
8. **Attend Class!!!** Attendance will be taken and school policies enforced. That means that after three absences you *can* be dropped from the class and after six absences you *will* be dropped from the class.

### **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS:**

While all students are expected to meet the minimum academic standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic accommodations. At Point Loma Nazarene University, students requesting academic accommodations must file documentation with the Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in the Bond Academic Center. Once the student files documentation, the Disability Resource Center will contact the student's instructors and provide written recommendations for reasonable and appropriate accommodations to meet the individual learning needs of the student. This policy assists the University in its commitment to full compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act of 1990, and ADA Amendments Act of 2008, all of which prohibit discrimination against students with disabilities and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities.

### **INTEGRITY:**

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please consult the school catalog under the heading of Academic Honesty to learn the professor's intended policy regarding student dishonesty in academic work.

### **INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE:**

The PLNU School of Theology and Christian Ministry is committed to the equality of women and men. Recognizing that people have often used language in ways that imply the exclusion or inferiority of women, the department urges students, faculty and staff to avoid sexist language in public discourse, in classroom discussions and especially in their writings.

## Class Schedule and Assignments:

All assignments are to be completed by the day they are listed.

Week/Days	Tuesday	Thursday
Week 1 Sept. 1, 3	<b>No Class!!! It's a Monday!!!</b>	
Week 2 Sept. 8, 10	Matthew	<b>Quiz 1: <i>Disc.N.T.</i>, ch.1-2</b> Simply Christian, ch.1-4
Week 3 Sept. 15, 17	Mark Simply Christian, ch.5-7	<b>Quiz 2: <i>Disc.N.T.</i>, ch.3-5</b> Simply Christian, ch.8-12
Week 4 Sept. 22, 24	Luke	<b>Quiz 3: <i>Disc.N.T.</i>, ch.6-8</b> Simply Christian, ch.13-16
Week 5 Sept. 29, Oct. 1	John	<b><i>Simply Christian</i> essay due</b>
Week 6 Oct. 6, 8	Acts	<b>Quiz 4: <i>Disc.N.T.</i>, ch.10-12</b>
Week 7 Oct. 13, 15		<b>Midterm Exam</b>
Week 8 Oct. 20, 22	Romans	
Week 9 Oct. 27, 29	1 & 2 Corinthians	<b>Quiz 5: <i>Disc.N.T.</i>, ch.13-15</b>
Week 10 Nov. 3, 5	Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians	<b>Quiz 6: <i>Disc.N.T.</i>, ch.16-19</b>
Week 11 Nov. 10, 12	1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter	<b>Quiz 7: <i>Disc.N.T.</i>, ch.9, 20-21</b>
Week 12 Nov. 17, 19		<b>Interpretive Paper Due.</b>
Week 13 Nov. 24, 26	<b>Begin reading <i>Snapshots of the Kingdom</i></b>	<b>No Class!!! Happy Thanksgiving!!!</b>

Week 14 Dec. 1, 3	1, 2, & 3 John Jude Revelation	
Week 15 Dec. 8, 10		<b>Kingdom Reflection Paper Due.</b>
<b>Week 16 Thursday Dec. 17</b>		Section 5 Final 10:30-1:00  Section 8 Final 4:30-7:00