

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

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PLNU Mission:

To Teach ~ To Shape ~ To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

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.” PLNU provides a foundational course of study in the liberal arts informed by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In keeping with the Wesleyan tradition, the curriculum equips students with a broad range of knowledge and skills within and across disciplines to enrich major study, lifelong learning, and vocational service as Christ-like participants in the world's diverse societies and cultures. 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*, 4th edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

Course Requirements:

1. **New Testament Reading.** There are ten New Testament reading assignments, each worth 10 points. You will report your reading percentage for each New Testament Reading assignment at the Midterm and the Final. You may only report what you have read this semester. This is worth **10%** of your grade.
2. **Response to *Simply Christian* worth 10%. Due Thursday, September 20.**
3. **Two midterm exams, each worth 18%** of your grade.
4. **A five to six 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, November 15.**
5. A **“Kingdom of God” reflection paper**, worth **6%** 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 three pages. **Due Thursday, December 6.**
6. A **final comprehensive exam**, worth **18%** of your grade.
7. **Attend Class!!!** Attendance will be taken and school policies enforced. Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent from more than 10 percent of class meetings, the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation.

Grade Scale:

A	93-100	C	73-76
A-	92-90	C-	70-72
B+	87-89	D+	67-69
B	83-86	D	63-66
B-	80-82	D-	60-62
C+	77-79	F	0-59

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PLNU Academic Honesty Policy:

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one’s own when in reality they are the results of another person’s creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the

course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the university Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy:

If you have a diagnosed disability, please contact PLNU’s Disability Resource Center (DRC) within the first two weeks of class to demonstrate need and to register for accommodation by phone at 619-849-2486 or by e-mail at DRC@pointloma.edu. See [Disability Resource Center](#) for additional information.

PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy:

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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 Aug. 28, 30	No Class. It's Monday Tuesday.	
Week 2 Sept. 4, 6	Matthew Simply Christian, ch.1-4	<i>Disc.N.T., ch.1-2</i>
Week 3 Sept. 11, 13	Mark Simply Christian, ch.5-7	<i>Disc.N.T., ch.3-5</i> Simply Christian, ch.8-12
Week 4 Sept. 18, 20	Luke Simply Christian, ch.13-16	<i>Disc.N.T., ch.6-8</i> <i>Simply Christian essay due</i>
Week 5 Sept. 25, 27		
Week 6 Oct. 2, 4	Midterm Exam 1	

Week 7 Oct. 9, 11	John	<i>Disc.N.T., ch.10-12</i>
Week 8 Oct. 16, 18	Acts	<i>Disc.N.T., ch.13-15</i>
Week 9 Oct. 23, 25	Romans	
Week 10 Oct. 30, Nov. 1	1 & 2 Corinthians	Midterm Exam 2
Week 11 Nov. 6, 8	Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 & 2 Thessalonians	<i>Disc.N.T., ch.16-19</i>
Week 12 Nov. 13, 15		Interpretive Paper Due
Week 13 Nov. 20, 22	1 & 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter Begin reading <i>Snapshots of the Kingdom</i>	No Class!!! Happy Thanksgiving!!!
Week 14 Nov. 27, 29	1, 2, & 3 John Jude Revelation	<i>Disc.N.T., ch.9, 20-21</i>
Week 15 Dec. 4, 6		Kingdom Reflection Paper Due
Week 16 Dec. 11, 13		FINAL EXAM 4:30-7:00