

Introduction to the New Testament -- Lesson 1

This course is designed to lay a foundation of knowledge and understanding of the text of the New Testament that acquaints the students with the history, culture, language, geography and theology of the events surrounding the life of Christ and the establishment of the New Testament church. The intent of the course is to help the student develop skill in interpreting and applying the principles taught in the New Testament to daily living and service in the New Testament church today.

Primary Text book: Keathley pg1-12,

Additional Resources: Jensen 38-72

Geisler pg 1-84

1. TEACHER'S LESSON - Overview & Theme:

This session introduces... The *400 Silent Years*, major political, cultural and religious transitions, the "Synoptic Problem", the significance of the phrase "...the fullness of time", the presentation of Christ in Matthew and Mark, the significance of "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God", the difference between the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Gospel of Grace

Make sure each of the following is covered in the lesson teaching time:

Explain why the time between the Testaments is called The 400 Silent Years.

Jensen pg41-42

Identify major political, cultural and religious transitions during the period.

Jensen pg 43-64

Explain the significance of Paul's phrase, "...the fullness of time." in Galatians 4:4

See appendix

Understand the Synoptic Problem

Geisler pg 40-47

Explain the presentation of Christ in Matthew and Mark.

Geisler pg 52-55 & pg 70-73

Identify the audience for Matthew and for Mark.

Explain the significance of "kingdom of heaven" in Matthew and "kingdom of God" in Mark

See Scofield Study Bible notes

Explain the difference between the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Gospel of Grace

Explain...

Open ended questions to encourage discussion and feed back:

2. STUDENT PREPARATION & THE STUDENT'S STUDY PLAN.

2.1 Student's Goals (The Desired Student Response): After the students read the assigned Scriptures and the assigned reading from the Text and once the

teacher has completed this lesson the students should be able to.....

2.2 The students should come to understand

2.3 Memory Verse: Matt 5:17 *The student will need to memorise and be able to quote one new verse.*

2.4 Students should thoughtfully read all of these Scriptures as preparation:

2.5 Students should find the Course Objectives (or core theme/s) for this lesson by reading & studying carefully (before coming to class) the assigned pages from the Text

Classroom & Service Assignments (Due the following week or on the date approved):

Assignment #1: 250 word paper on the difference between the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Gospel of Grace

Assignment #2: *The student should attempt to apply the principles learned in his preparation, and should*

put these principles into action by using them in the life of another person. Choose someone from the following

categories to minister to: 1. Family 2. Marriage 3. Church, 4. Community. At class time, the student should be prepared to give a one-minute testimony (report) of the results of your ministry action.

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