



**Course Syllabus
XploreNations Eugene**

**The Gospels
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XploreNations Mission Statement: At XploreNations, our goal is to advance the Gospel for the Kingdom in all the world by training leaders to impact their nations. On college campuses across the globe on multiple continents, our students are challenged to understand and pursue their calling with passion. The result is leaders who are trained and equipped to impact their world and see that the nations are revolutionized for the Kingdom of God!

Course Description: This course is a study of the Life of Christ as recorded in the Synoptic Gospels. The student will understand the contribution of each major Gospel writer, the major developments in the life of Christ on Earth, and aspect of Jesus as a role model.

Course Objectives: After completing this course the student will have gained a greater understanding of The Gospels and how they fit in the metanarrative. The student will be able to recognize the similarities and differences between the gospels. The student will grasp how The Gospel is presented in each of the gospel books and how it applies to our lives today.

Texts: Williams, Peter J. *Can We Trust the Gospels?* Crossway, 2018.

Fees: Course Fee - \$145 per individual \$250 per a couple

Course Requirements: Attendance and participation: Showing up faithfully comprises a significant portion of ministry. As such, we expect faithful attendance and participation from the students in our classes. Participation will be gauged using our weekly worksheets, which must be checked off by the dean or the dean's assistant before the completion of the test. The student should take a picture of the completed worksheet and email it to: academic.assistant@harvesteugene.org

Practicum Hours: Practicum is required of all students. Hours submitted must be during the course date/month you are submitting your practicum for. As a first and second year student you are required to submit four hours ministry practicum per course. The third year student is required to submit six hours ministry practicum and the fourth year student is required to submit eight hours ministry practicum per course.

Reading: The student will be expected to read the material for this course before the last day in class. While the book can be read in a short time, it is recommended that the student take the book a little at a time and spend time processing it and meditating on the truths therein. Not only will this allow the student to absorb the material more fully, it will also help the student to have input for the class discussions.

SUGGESTED READING PLAN:

Can We Trust the Gospels ch 1-2 and the book of Matthew by 01/30/24

Can We Trust the Gospels ch 3-4 and the book of Mark by 02/06/24

Can We Trust the Gospels ch 5-6 and the book of Luke by 02/13/24

Can We Trust the Gospels ch 7-8 and the book of John by 02/20/24

Course Evaluation:

Participation: 30%

Reading: 25%

Exams and Worksheets: 45%

Exam:

The exam grade for this course will be based on a few things

- Completion of the fill-in-the-blank worksheets
- Performance on the long answer portion of the exam
- Completion of the assigned reading

The exam MUST be completed by 11:59 PM on 02/24/24

As always, a 70% exam grade is required to pass the course, and should be easily achievable if the student faithfully engages with the material.

Attendance Policy: As with all XploreNations classes, the student must maintain at least a 90% attendance rate throughout the year and may not miss more than one teaching hour each month. Should missing class be unavoidable, the student may speak with the campus director to make arrangements to make up the missed class. All makeup must be done before the following week's teaching if feasible, though exceptions may be made at the discretion of the campus director. If the makeup is not completed then the absence will become a part of the attendance grade, and failure to maintain the 90% attendance rate will result in not receiving the certificate for completing the year.

Preparedness: Students should come to each class with a Bible and be prepared to take notes on the night's lectures, as well as with anything else the instructor might have asked them to bring (paper, their class text, etc.) This is a part of demonstrating discipline and good, godly character and should not be neglected or ignored.

Late Work Policy: The only assigned work for each class will be reading the text. Failure to complete the reading assignment by the last day of class will result in a 25% reduction in the student's grade.

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty Policy: Plagiarism and academic dishonesty run directly opposed to the commitment of integrity each student signs at the beginning of each school and is considered a violation of that commitment. As such, if a student is deemed to be committing acts of plagiarism or academic dishonesty the director has the right to ask that student to immediately withdraw from XploreNations.

Use of Electronic Devices Policy: In this modern day and age, we understand that many students use their electronic devices for note-taking and looking up scriptures and we want to make allowances for that. We ask that students restrict the use of electronic devices to the above functions and not be on social media or engaging in other activities that would pull their attention away from engaging with the class and make sure that all sounds are turned off.

Dress Code: At XploreNations, we always want to dress with respect for the anointing on the Word of God and on the calling the Lord has placed on us. With that in mind, we observe a professional casual dress code. For more specifics on that, please refer to the student handbook.

Bibliography: Williams, Peter J. *Can We Trust the Gospels?* Crossway, 2018.

Forms: Scan the QR codes below to go directly to the appropriate forms for whatever you might need or go to www.xploreNationseugene.com/xne_students/ (password: Isaiah55:3)

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