



NTST536
READINGS IN THE GOSPELS
Summer 2020

[Lake Union \(Universidad de Andrews\)](#)

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This course is designed for pastors who are interested in having Christ at the center of their ministry. The course prepares participants in knowing better the theology at the heart of the Gospels, and shares practical principles based in the teachings of Jesus to share the gospel successfully

CLASS & CONTACT INFORMATION

Class location: Andrews University
Class meeting dates: May 31 to June 4, 2020
Class meeting times: Sun—6-9:30 pm; Mon-Thur—8am to 6pm (lunch-12-1:30pm).
Course Website: learninghub.andrews.edu

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Office hours:

COURSE PREREQUISITES

Prerequisites:

1. **Reading report - I** (20 hours minimum) from four different versions of the four gospels (one for each gospel). Submit a four-page evaluation of the material read indicating the number of hours and the complete bibliographical reference for each required reading. The report should be submitted electronically on the LearningHub and to the professor's email in a MSWord document by the *first day of class*.
2. **Late submission penalties.** Pre-intensive assignments are due the first day of class (**May 31, 2020**). Late submissions of these assignment are penalized with a 5 points deduction for each day.

During the intensive:

Class attendance. Students will need to spend 45 fifty-minute periods during the intensive with the professor. Participants who miss four class periods without a written consent **from the seminary Dean (Dr. Jiri Moskala)**, will have to repeat the course.

Collective learning. During the intensive students will have time to work with peers in small groups to prepare 20-minute presentations on topics related to the class.

Post-Intensive Requirements

1. **Final project.** 40 hours of study, with the following options: **1)** Write a fifteen-page paper on a text or a topic agreed upon in class; **2)** Prepare a 30 slides PowerPoint presentation on a project in consultation with the instructor. Both assignments are equally due 90 days after the first day of class—**September 1, 2020**.

The project will be graded based on the Project Rubric at the end of this document and should have the following parts: **1) title page; 2) table of contents; and 3) appropriate content subheadings.** The final project paper must be submitted electronically in a MSWord document following the *Andrews University Standards for Written Work*. Available at the following site: <http://www.andrews.edu/grad/documents/andrews-university-standards-for-written-work-as-of-october-2011.pdf>

This final assignment is due on **September 1, 2020**, before midnight.

Late submission of this assignment is penalized with a 10-point deduction.

2. **Reading report – 2** —400 pages (30 hours minimum) from the books listed below. Submit a three-page evaluation of the material read indicating the number of hours and pages read from the required reading. The report should be submitted electronically on the LearningHub and to the professor's email in a MSWord document. This reading report is due 90 days after the first day of class—**September 1, 2020**.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required Reading:

BADENAS, Roberto, *Encuentros decisivos*, Madrid: Safeliz, 2017.

WHITE, Ellen G., *El Deseado de todas las gentes*, (20 capítulos a escoger, en cualquier edición).

Recommended Reading:

BADENAS, Roberto, *Para conocer al Maestro en sus parábolas*, Madrid: Safeliz, 2002.

BADENAS, Roberto, *Encuentros*, Madrid: Safeliz, (en cualquier edición).

BARRET, Charles Kingsley, *El evangelio según San Juan*, Madrid: Cristiandad, 2003.

BOVON, François, *Evangelio según San Lucas*, Salamanca: Sígueme, 2002.

CURY, Augusto, *El Maestro de maestros: Análisis de la inteligencia de Cristo*, Nelson, 2008.

EDERSHEIM, Alfred, *La vida y los tiempos de Jesús el Mesías*, Terrassa: CLIE, 1989.

FILLION, Louis Claude, *Vida de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo* Madrid: Rialp, 2000 (1922)

GERHARDSSON, Birger, *Prehistoria de los evangelios*, Sal Terrae, Santader, 1977.

GNILKA, Joachim, *El evangelio según san Marcos*, Sígueme, Salamanca, 2001.

- GRÜN, Anselm, *Jesús, maestro de salvación*. Estella: Verbo Divino, 2005.
- GUARDINI, Romano, *El Señor. Meditaciones sobre la persona y la vida de Jesucristo*, Ediciones Cristiandad, 2005.
- JEREMIAS, Joachim, *Jerusalén en tiempos de Jesús*, Madrid: Cristiandad, 2000.
- JOHNSON, William G., *Marcos el evangelio de Jesús*, APIA (Florida), 2005.
- JOHNSON, William G., *Jesus of Nazareth I: His Life; Jesus of Nazareth II: His Message, His Passion, Silver Spring: Review & Herald, 2015.*
- KASPER, Walter, *Jesús, el Cristo* (Nueva edición), Ediciones Sal Terrae, 2007.
- KNIGHT, George W. *Armonía de los evangelios*, Broadman & Holman, 2003.
- LEITHART, P. J. *The Four: A Survey of the Gospels*. Moscow, Idaho: Canon Press, 2010.
- LÉON-DUFOUR, Xavier, *Lectura del evangelio de Juan*, Sígueme, Salamanca, 2004.
- LUZ, Ulrich, *El evangelio según San Mateo*, Sígueme, Salamanca, 2010.
- MALINA, Bruce J. *El Mundo social de Jesús y los evangelios*, Sal Terrae, Santander, 2002.
- MATEOS, Juan, *Juan*, El Almendro, Córdoba, 2002.
- MEIER, John P. *Un juicio marginal*, Estella (Navarra): Verbo Divino, 2000.
- MESSORI, Vittorio, *Hipótesis sobre Jesús (3ª edición)*. Bilbao: Mensajero, 2013.
- NAVARRO, Mercedes, *Los Evangelios*, Verbo Divino, Estella (Navarra), 2011.
- PAGOLA, José Antonio, *Jesús. Aproximación histórica*, Madrid: PPC, 2007.
- PAULIEN, Jon, *El evangelio que amamos*, Miami: APIA, 2004.
- PIKAZA, Xabier, *Historia de Jesús*, Verbo Divino, 2013.
- PIÑERO, Antonio, *Jesús de Nazaret: el hombre de las cien caras. Textos canónicos y apócrifos*, Madrid: EDAF, 2012.
- PUNTE OJEA, Gonzalo, *Existencia histórica de Jesús*, Madrid: Siglo XXI, 2008.
- RATZINGER, Joseph, *Jesús de Nazaret*. Esfera de los libros, 2007.
- SALGUERO, José, *Vida de Jesús según los evangelios sinópticos*, Editorial EDIBESA, 2004.
- STRAUSS, M. L. *Four Portraits, One Jesus*: Grand Rapids: Zondervan. 2007.
- STROBEL, Lee. *El caso de Cristo: una investigación exhaustiva*, Miami: Vida, 2000.
- THEISSEN, Gerd, *La sombra del Galileo: Las investigaciones históricas sobre Jesús traducidas a un relato*, Ediciones Sígueme, 2011.

REVISION STATEMENT

The instructor reserves the right to revise the syllabus for the benefit of the learning process with appropriate notification to the students.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Course topics and assignments have been selected to contribute to learning and evaluating these Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) as follows:

Program Learning Outcomes (PO):

1. Understand the developments of the interpretation of the four Gospels in the Christian church.
2. Understand the key role the four Gospels play in the Christian faith
3. Understand the importance of the four Gospels in the Seventh-day Adventist worldview.
4. Empower the pastor to do a more Christocentric preaching

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) The student:

1. Will be better prepared to socio-exegetically interpret selected texts from the four Gospels as they relate to the Seventh-day church.
2. Will be familiarized with the complexities of biblical interpretation of the Gospel texts.
3. Will be better acquainted with the person and the message of Jesus of Nazareth as He is presented in the four Gospels.
4. Will be better prepared to do a more Christocentric work of a pastor/theologian

Date	Topic	Assignment Due	CLOs Addressed
Sunday, May 31	Registration, syllabus review, course introduction and methods of interpretation of the four Gospels	Reading report - 1.	
Monday, June 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. El contexto general de los evangelios2. Los evangelios como documentos literarios3. Los evangelios como documentos históricos.4. Los evangelios como documentos teológicos.	Small group discussion and collaborative learning sessions.	

Date	Topic	Assignment Due	CLOs Addressed
Tuesday, June 2	5. Los relatos evangélicos de la infancia 6. La familia de Jesús 7. Jesucristo como persona: las tentaciones 8. Jesús como Mesías: los milagros 9. Jesús como maestro: las parábolas	Small group discussion and collaborative learning sessions.	
Wednesday, June 3	10. Discípulos y apóstoles 11. Jesús y la religión de Israel: el sermón del monte 12. Ministerio en Judea 13. Ministerio en Galilea 14. Jesús en tierra de gentiles. 15. Hacia Jerusalén	Small group discussion and collaborative learning sessions.	
Thursday, June 4	16. Jesús profeta anuncia su segunda venida. 17. Jesús frente al poder 18. Pasión y muerte de nuestro Salvador. 19. Glorificación de Cristo: resurrección, apariciones y ascensión	Small group presentations	
Tuesday, September 1		Final project and reading report - 2 are due today: September 1, 2020. Both must be posted on LearningHub and Email an electronic MSW document before midnight to: mailto:rbadenas@facultadadventista.es	
Thursday, October 1		Late assignments receive no more than a B by midnight on this day: October 1, 2020.	
Sunday, November 1		Late assignments receive no more than a C by midnight this day: November 1, 2020.	

Date	Topic	Assignment Due	CLOs Addressed
Monday November 23		<i>172 days from the first day of class,</i> Students who have not completed all intensive requirements by November 23, 2020 will receive an "F" and will need to repeat the class.	

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is required at all classes and other academic appointments. When the total number of absences exceeds 10% of the total course appointments, the teacher may assign a failing grade. Merely being absent from campus does not exempt the student from this policy. Absences recorded because of late registration, suspension, and early/late vacation leaves are not excused. The class work missed may be made up only if the teacher allows. Three tardies are equal to one absence.

TIME EXPECTATIONS FOR THE COURSE

US Credit-Hour Regulations

For every semester credit, the Andrews University credit hour definition requires that:

- **Courses for professional masters' degrees (e.g. MDiv)** include 15 instructor contact hours and 30 hours of independent learning activities.
- **Courses for academic masters' (e.g. MA [Religion]) and all doctoral degrees** include 15 instructor contact hours, and 45 hours of independent learning activities.

The calculation of hours is based on the study skills of the average well-prepared graduate student. Students weak in these skills: 1) may require more time and should consider taking fewer classes each semester; and 2) can find skill development assistance through the Seminary Study and Research Skills Colloquia, the AU Writing Center, and AU Student Success office.

In order to achieve the outcomes of this course, learning time will be distributed as follows:

	Professional Masters' Programs	
	2 Credits	3 Credits

Instructor Contact Hours	Face to Face Instructional Time		45 hrs
Independent Learning Activities	Name of Assignment #1 Pre-Intensive Reading		20 hrs
	Name of Assignment #2 15-page project/paper		40 hrs
	Name of Assignment #3 Reading Report		30 hrs
Total Hours:			135 hrs

Note. In order to make grading fair for everyone, grades will be assigned on the basis of the above requirements alone. No individual arrangements will be made for those requesting last minute grade adjustment or extra credit.

Submission of Assignments

Assignments are to be turned in on Learning Hub before the dates indicated in the Course Overview-- Above.

Late Submissions

Because student assignments are an essential part of class activities, assignments turned in after the time they are due will be worth a maximum of 50 of possible points%--for this course, see penalties posted on the *Course Overview Table*. Any requests for extra time on an assignment must be made in advance with the professor. Such requests should be a rarity and should be accompanied by a valid reason why the work could not be done by the date due.

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Roberto Badenas (PhD) has taught at Sagunto College (Spain) and the Adventist University of France from 1967 to 1999, and from 2010 to now. From 1999 to 2010 he has directed the Biblical Research Committee and the departments of Education and Family Ministries of the Inter-European Division. He is retired, but still teaches intensives in Adventist universities of many countries, including AU. His lectures and writings carry the weight of serious investigation and the practical knowledge that more than 52 years of teaching and ministerial experience confer.

OTHER COURSE-RELATED POLICIES

Academic Integrity

The Seminary expects its students to exhibit rigorous moral integrity appropriate to ministry leaders representing Jesus Christ. Complete honesty in academic matters is a vital component of such integrity. Any breach of academic integrity in this class is subject to discipline. Consequences may include receipt of a reduced or failing grade, suspension or dismissal from the course, suspension or dismissal from the program, expulsion from the university, or degree cancellation. Disciplinary action may be retroactive if academic dishonesty becomes apparent after the student leaves the course, program or university. A record of academic integrity violations is maintained by the University Student Academic Integrity Council. Repeated and/or flagrant offenses will be referred to an Academic Integrity Panel for recommendations on further penalties.

Academic Dishonesty includes:

- Plagiarism in which one fails to give credit every time use is made of another person's ideas or exact words, whether in a formal paper or in submitted notes or assignments. Credit is to be given by use of:
 - Correctly designed and inserted footnotes each time one makes use of another individual's research and/or ideas; and
 - Quotation marks placed around any exact phrases or sentences (3 or more words) taken from the text or speech of another individual.
- Presenting another's work as one's own (e.g., placement exams, homework assignments);
- Using materials during a quiz or examination other than those explicitly allowed by the teacher or program;
- Stealing, accepting, or studying from stolen quizzes or examination materials;
- Copying from another student during a regular or take-home test or quiz;
- Assisting another in acts of academic dishonesty
- Submitting the same work or major portions thereof, without permission from the instructors, to satisfy the requirements of more than one course.

For additional details see: https://www.andrews.edu/academics/academic_integrity.html

Academic Accommodations

If you qualify for accommodation under the American Disabilities Act, please see contact Student Success in Nethery Hall 100 (disabilities@andrews.edu or 269-471-6096) as soon as possible so that accommodations can be arranged.

Use of Electronics

No recording or streaming is permitted in seminary courses.

Courtesy, respect, and professionalism dictate that laptops and cell phones are to be used only for class-related activities during class time.

Communications and Updates

Email is the official form of communication at Andrews University. Students are responsible for checking their Andrews University e-mail, Moodle, and iVue alerts regularly.

LearningHub Access

Andrews University Learning Hub hosts this course online. Your Learning Hub username and password are the same as your Andrews username and password. Use the following contact information if you need technical assistance at any time during the course, or to report a problem with Learning Hub.

Username and password assistance	helpdesk@andrews.edu	(269) 471-6016
Technical assistance with Learning Hub	dilit@andrews.edu	(269) 471-3960
Technical assistance with your Andrews account	http://andrews.edu/hdchat/chat.php	

Emergency Protocol

Andrews University takes the safety of its student seriously. Signs identifying emergency protocol are posted throughout buildings. Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting that specific location. It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during any evacuation or sheltering emergency.

Please Note: The instructor reserves the right to revise the syllabus, with the consensus of the class, at any time during the semester for the benefit of the learning process. The up-to-date Course Description for this course may be found at www.learninghub.andrews.edu.

APPENDIX 1: INTERPRETING LETTER GRADES

Letter Grades and Percentages

95-100%	A	80-84%	B	65-69%	C
90-94%	A-	75-79%	B-	60-64%	C-
85-89%	B+	70-74%	C+	55-59%	D
				58-Below	F

THE B GRADE

The B grade is a sign that you have competently fulfilled all of the requirements stipulated for an assessment or competency evaluation. It is a very good grade and demonstrates a high level of the

knowledge, insight, critical competence and professional presentation standards essential for an individual wishing to pursue a career as a professional leader in ministry.

THE A GRADE

An A grade is given only when a student not only fulfills the criteria for a B grade, but in doing so demonstrates an advanced academic aptitude for content knowledge, critique, synthesis and independent insight, while exhibiting highly developed communication skills and professional publication standards that would allow them to pursue a highly competitive academic career.

THE C GRADE

The C grade differs only from a B grade in that the traits outlined in the B grade above are not consistently applied. However, with diligence and by applying feedback from your lecturer, the academic process can provide opportunity for a student to improve their consistency, and hence, their grade.

THE D GRADE

The D grade points to a limited level of knowledge, insight, and critique, as well as to inadequate quality of written work. This may be because of a lack of time management on the part of the student, difficulty grasping the concepts being taught, use of English as a second language, or a personal issue that is affecting one's concentration and motivation levels. Again, with diligence, applying feedback from your lecturer, and seeking services offered by the University like the writing lab or the counseling center, the academic process can provide an opportunity for a student to significantly improve their performance.

THE F GRADE

A failing grade is given when very limited or no demonstrable competency has been observed or when the final assignment is not submitted within the dates indicated in the Course Overview Table.

ASSIGNMENT RUBRIC

Rubric for Assessing Project Plans

Student _____

Criteria	(5) Exceptional	(4) Proficient	(3) Satisfactory	(2) Emerging	(1) Unsatisfactory	Score
Title Page	Includes: 1) institution’s name, 2) title, 3) name of the course, 4) course period, 5) name of the student, 6) date submitted, 7) follows AU Standards for Written work (AUSWW). Has no errors	Misses 1 of the 7 components	Misses 2 of the 7 components	Misses 3 components	Misses more than 3 components	
Introduction	The introduction is engaging, states the main topic and purpose of the paper, and previews the structure of the paper	Introduction states the main topic and purpose of the paper and previews its structure	States the main topic and purpose of the paper, but does not adequately preview its structure	The introduction states the main topic but lacks a purpose and a preview of its structure	There is no clear introduction or main topic and the structure of the paper is missing	
Project Description	Project is described in detail. Protocols to be followed are presented. Specific aspects of the organization, implementation, and evaluation are offered. Meets paper length requirements	Project is well described. Some details regarding protocols, organization, implementation, and evaluation of the project are missing. Meets length	Project is satisfactorily described and meets paper length	Project is poorly described and does not meet number of pages.	The report misses entire sections of the project description. Does not meet paper length.	
Organization	Report provides a table of contents, and is organized using different subhead levels, following AUSWW. Subheadings are exceptionally well-worded and reflect upon the main subject. Exceeds all organizational specifications stated in the syllabus	Table of contents and subheading levels follow AUSWW Standards. Subtitles reflects upon the subject, but wording can be improved.	Paper provides a table of contents and is organized using different subheading level. However, does not follow AU standards of written work	Paper provides first level headings, but headings do not clearly reflect upon the subject. No table of contents. Does not follow all specifications stated in the syllabus and AUSWW	Does not provide a table of contents and is not divided under headings and subheadings. Does not follow organizational specifications stated in the syllabus and AUSWW	
Format/Style	All texts and references follow specifications from AUSWW. Syntax and semantics are outstanding. Models language and	Consistently follows AUSWW with minor flaws. Syntax and semantics are very good. No major errors in style	Consistently follows all AUSWW format. Syntax and semantics are good. Few errors in style	Inconsistently follows some AUSWW. Syntax and semantics are poor	Does not follow AUSWW. Syntax and semantics are deficient	

	style. No errors in punctuation, spelling, and sentence formation					
Conclusion	Conclusion is engaging and provides an outstanding overview of the project and personal reflections on projected implementation. Exceeds expectations	Conclusion restates the purpose, gives a good summary, and provides personal opinions about the outcome	Conclusion restates the purpose and satisfactorily summarizes results Lacks personal reflection on projected implementation	Conclusion attempts to summarize the thrust of the project, but is ambiguous. Lacks personal reflection	Conclusion fails to summarize and to express personal reflection on the project	

