**Sample Syllabus**

*Teaching from* Anatomy of the New Testament *(7th ed.) with a Historical Framework*

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The seventh edition of *Anatomy of the New Testament* is a flexible textbook, adaptable for different organizations of an introductory course. For teachers in undergraduate public and private institutions, here is one way in which this textbook’s contents may be rearranged for a roughly chronological presentation of the New Testament.



**INTRODUCTION TO THE LITERATURE OF EARLIEST CHRISTIANITY**

# Course Goals

[Insert here the instructor’s own or whatever cant your institution’s accreditors require.]

# Required Texts

 • A modern translation of the Bible.

 • Robert A. Spivey, D. Moody Smith, and C. Clifton Black, *Anatomy of the New Testament* (7th ed.; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013).

# Course Requirements

1. Class attendance and participation
2. Papers or quizzes
3. Mid-term examination
4. Final examination

**Basis for Course Evaluation**

Participation 20%

Papers or Quizzes 20 %

 Mid-Term Examination 20%

Final Examination 40%

**Course Schedule and Reading Assignments**

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| *Lectures* | *Readings* |
| **WEEK ONE** **Introduction to the Course**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**The World of the New Testament** | *Anatomy.* xxxiv-xxxv, *Timeline of the New Testament;*Prologue and Chapter 1:“The World of the New Testament” |
| **WEEK TWO** **Jesus of Nazareth** | Luke 7:1-50; 8:1-3; Matthew 5:1–48; 6:1-34; 7:1-29; Mark 11:1-33; 12:1-44; 13:1-37; 14:1-72; 15:1-47; 16:1-8*Anatomy*, Chapter 6: “Jesus the Messiah” |
| **WEEK THREE** **The Spread of the Earliest Christian Mission** | The Acts of the Apostles (entire)*Anatomy*, Chapter 7: “Acts: Mission and Witness” |
| **WEEK FOUR****Paul the Apostle (I)** | 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:1;2 Thessalonians 2:1-17;Galatians 1:6–2:21; 3:1-292 Corinthians 4:1-15; 10:1–13:10; Philippians 1:12-26; 2:1-11; Philemon 4-20*Anatomy*, Chapter 8: “Paul: Apostle to the Gentiles” |
| **WEEK FIVE****Paul the Apostle (II)** | 1 Corinthians (entire);Romans (entire)*Anatomy*, Chapter 9: “1 Corinthians”; Chapter 10:“Romans” |
| **WEEK SIX****Paul’s Earliest Legacy:****Religious Communities in the Pauline Tradition**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Mid-Term Examination** | Colossians 2:8-15; Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 Timothy 4:1-16*Anatomy*, Chapter 11: “Deutero-Pauline Letters” |
|  *Semester Break* |  |
| **WEEK SEVEN****The Development of the Gospels**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**The Gospel according to Mark** | Mark (entire)*Anatomy*, Chapter 2: “Mark: The Gospel of Suffering” |
| **WEEK EIGHT****The Gospel according to Matthew** | Matthew (entire)*Anatomy*, Chapter 3: “Matthew: The Gospel of Obedience” |
| **WEEK NINE****The Gospel according to Luke** | Luke (entire)*Anatomy*, Chapter 4: “Luke: The Gospel of Witnessing” |
| **WEEK TEN****Other Letters to Young Christian Communities** | James 2:14-26; 1 Peter 2:11-25; Hebrews 4:14–5:10; 2 Peter 3:1-13; Jude 3*Anatomy*, Chapter 12: “The Catholic Epistles” (pp. 403-13, 420-24); Chapter 13: “Other Apostolic Writings” (pp. 425-37) |
| **WEEK ELEVEN****The Gospel according to John** | John (entire)*Anatomy*, Chapter 5: “Luke: The Gospel of Jesus’ Glory” |
| **WEEK TWELVE****The Johannine Tradition Evolves:****The Letters of John and the Book of Revelation** | 1 John 4:1-21; 2 and 3 John;Revelation 1:1-20*Anatomy*, Chapter 12: “The Catholic Epistles” (pp. 414-20); Chapter 13: “Other Apostolic Writings” (pp. 438-53); “Epilogue” (pp. 455-60) |
|  *Final Examination* |  |