

SYLLABUS **6NT504 Greek Exegesis**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Building upon Greek I and II (prerequisites), this course examines the essential elements of biblical exegesis necessary for the exposition of Scripture. *Two Credits.*

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

As a result of the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Read the Greek NT with greater facility and enjoyment.
2. Evaluate textual variants in the critical apparatus of NA²⁷.
3. Become familiar with and demonstrate an ability to utilize the basic tools of exegesis, including grammars, lexicons, and commentaries.
4. Articulate a method for doing exegesis that moves from text to sermon/lesson.
5. Exegete a portion of Scripture and apply it to a particular audience in a manner that is faithful to the text and relevant to others.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE

1. *Reading Assignments.* You are expected to read carefully the required assignments for each class period. In order to receive full credit, all reading must be completed prior to the day in which the material is discussed. Additional readings may be assigned.
2. *Translation.* You will be expected to translate and parse selections from Philippians and Mark. You are permitted to use Kubo, a cheat sheet, or a Bible software program to assist in the translation of difficult vocabulary during class, but you may not use a prepared English translation of the passage.
3. *Participation.* You are expected to be on time (tardiness for unforeseeable traffic delays is always an exception) and prepared for class. Absences, tardiness, or evident lack of preparation will adversely affect your grade. If absent, it is the student's responsibility to determine what was missed and/or what was assigned for the next session.
4. *Homework Assignments.* You will be required to complete several homework assignments based upon course readings and lectures. Information on these assignments will be given as the course proceeds.
5. *Quiz.* One quiz will be taken to ensure that your translation skills are progressing appropriately. The content of this examination (April 30) will be drawn from Mark 6:6-30 and will focus on translation, parsing, and grammar. You will be supplied with the translation for any vocabulary that occurs less than fifty times in the NT.

6. *Final Project.* As a culmination of the course, the student will prepare a paper on Mark 11:12-25. **The paper is due no later than Monday, May 21.** Late assignments will not be accepted. Please email your completed project to kiverson@comcast.net. If you would like your project returned, please provide me with a stamped, self-addressed envelope by last day of class.

Format: The paper should be double spaced (12 point font) and all citations to secondary sources must be footnoted, though a formal bibliography is unnecessary.

Contents: The paper will include a translation, an evaluation of a text-critical issue, exegesis of the pericope, exegetical and theological outlines, and a sermon or bible study lesson. A more detailed explanation of the paper is provided below:

(1) Exegetical Section.

- a. Translation. Translate Mark 11:12-25 into idiomatic English. (1 page)
- b. Textual Criticism. Evaluate the text-critical issue in Mark 11:26. Does this verse belong to the pericope? Be sure to turn in your text-critical worksheet along with your analysis of the external and internal evidence. (1-2 pages)
- c. Exegetical Outline. Turn in an exegetical outline of Mark 11:12-25, making sure to include an exegetical proposition that summarizes the content of the pericope. (1 page)
- d. Exegesis. Using the roman numerals from your exegetical outline as section markers, write an exegetical commentary on Mark 11:12-25. The objective of this section is to explain the meaning of the passage in a coherent manner, while interacting in a responsible and critical manner with alternative viewpoints and/or secondary sources. For this project, you must use at least six commentaries, monographs, and/or journal articles. A list of important Markan commentaries is provided in the attached bibliography. (7-9 pages)

(2) Theological Section

- a. Theological Outline. Based upon your exegetical decisions, construct a theological outline for Mark 11:12-25. (1 page)

(3) Homiletical/Application Section

- a. Audience. Define the audience for whom you intend (hypothetically speaking) to teach (college, youth, adult Sunday School class, a congregation, etc.). (1/2 page)
- b. Write out a full length manuscript (not just an outline) that exposit Mark 11:12-25 and applies it to your intended audience. You need not cover every detail discovered in your study, only what is necessary for the purpose and audience you select. (6-8 pages)

GRADING

1. Reading	10%
2. Participation	10%
3. Quiz	5%
4. Written Assignments	35%
5. Final Project	40%

Grades will be assigned based upon the following scale (also found on p. 38 of the current RTS catalog).

A	(97-100)
A-	(94-96)
B+	(91-93)
B	(88-90)
B-	(86-87)
C+	(83-85)
C	(80-82)
C-	(78-79)
D+	(75-77)
D	(72-74)
D-	(70-71)
F	(below 70)

REQUIRED TEXTS

Fee, Gordon D. *New Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*. 3rd ed. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002.

Carson, D. A. *Exegetical Fallacies*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996.

Resseguie, J. L. *Narrative Criticism of the New Testament: An Introduction* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005).

Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997.

New English Translation—Novum Testamentum Graece New Testament. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft; Dallas: NET Bible Press, 2004.
(<http://www.bible.org/store/product.asp?ProductID=56>)

Danker, Frederick William, reviser and editor. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd edition. Based on Walter Bauer's *Griechisch-Deutsches Wörterbuch zu den Schriften des Neuen Testaments und der frühchristlichen Literatur*, 6th edition, edited by Kurt Aland and Barbara Aland, with Viktor Reichmann, and on previous English editions by William F. Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich, and F. W. Danker. Chicago: University Press, 2000.

CLASS SCHEDULE

All assignments are due on the date indicated in the schedule.

Date	Topic	Translation	Reading/Assignment
Mar. 29	Introduction Overview of the Process		
April 2	Establishing the Text/Textual Criticism	Phil. 2:1-11	Fee 1-4, 59-70
April 5	Textual Criticism (cont'd) Grammatical Analysis	Phil. 2:12-30	Fee 71-78
April 9	Clausal Layout Lexical Analysis	Phil. 3:1-11	Fee 41-58, 79-95; Carson 27-64 DUE: TC issue in Phil. 3:3
April 12	Historical Backgrounds Exegetical Outlining	Phil. 3:12-21	Fee 96-111 Carson 90-123
April 16	Theological Outlining		Fee 155-79 DUE: Clausal Layout of Phil. 3:1-11
April 19	Introduction to Narrative	Mark 5:1-20	Resseguie 17-33, 38- 40 DUE: Exegetical and Theological Outline of Phil. 3:1-11
April 23	Story: Plot and Events	Mark 5:21-43	Resseguie 197-203
April 26	Discourse: Part I	Mark 6:6-30	Resseguie 41-78
April 30	Discourse: Part II	Mark 6:31-44	Read Mark (English) in one sitting QUIZ: Mark 6:6-30
May 3	Story: Characters	Mark 6:45-56	Resseguie 121-32 (skim 137-165)
May 7	Story: Setting	Mark 7:24-37	Resseguie 87-88, 94- 120 Final Paper Due May 21

OTHER RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Bibleworks (Version 7) (A Bible software program for study of the original languages, available at www.bibleworks.com)

Carson, D. A. *New Testament Commentary Survey*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007.

Endnote (Version X) (A bibliographic software program that can be used to quickly and accurately format footnotes and bibliographies)

Glynn, John. *Commentary & Reference Survey: A Comprehensive Guide to Biblical & Theological Resources*. Grand Rapids, Kregel, 2007.

Goodrich, Richard J. and Albert L. Lukaszewski. *A Reader's Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.

Kubo, S. *A Reader's Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1975.

Logos Bible Software (Version 3) (A Bible software program geared for pastoral use, available at <http://www.logos.com/>)

Metzger, B. M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998.

Mounce, W. D. *A Graded Reader of Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.

Pennington, Jonathan T. *New Testament Greek Vocabulary*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001.
(Audio CD's or tapes of NT Greek vocabulary)

Wilson, Mark. *Mastering New Testament Greek Vocabulary Through Semantic Domains*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2003.

EXEGETICAL METHOD

Bock, D. L. and B. M. Fanning, eds. *Interpreting the New Testament Text: Introduction to the Art and Science of Exegesis*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2006.

Conzelmann, H. and A. Lindemann. *An Introduction to the Principles and Methods of N.T. Exegesis*. Translated by S. S. Schatzmann. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1988.

Green, Joel B. *Hearing the New Testament: Strategies for Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995.

Gorman, Michael J. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2001.

Harrington, Daniel J. *Interpreting the New Testament: A Practical Guide*. New Testament Message 1. Wilmington: Michael Glazier, 1979.

Hayes, John H., and Carl R. Holliday. *Biblical Exegesis: A Beginner's Handbook*. 3rd ed. Atlanta: John Knox, 2007.

Marshall, I. Howard, ed. *New Testament Interpretation: Essays on Principles and Methods*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1977.

McKnight, Scot, ed. *Introducing New Testament Interpretation*. Guides to New Testament Exegesis. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1989.

Osborne, Grant R. *The Hermeneutical Spiral: A Comprehensive Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Downers Grove: IVP, 1991.

Porter, Stanley E., ed. *Handbook to Exegesis of the New Testament*. New Testament Tools and Studies. Leiden/New York: Brill, 1997.

GREEK GRAMMARS

Blass, Friedrich, Albert Debrunner, and Robert Walter Funk. *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961.

Conybeare, F. C. and Stock, St. George. *Grammar of Septuagint Greek: With Selected Readings, Vocabularies, and Updated Indexes*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1995.

Dana, H. E. and Mantey, Julius R. *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*. New York: Macmillan, 1955.

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

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Robertson, A. T. *A Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research*. Nashville: Broadman, 1934.

Smyth, Herbert W. *Greek Grammar*. Rev. by Gordon M. Messing. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1984.

Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.

Zerwick, Maximilian. *Biblical Greek Illustrated by Examples*. Rome: Biblical Institute Press, 1963.

Zerwick, Max, and Mary Grosvenor. *A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament*. 5th ed. Rome: Pontificio Istituto Biblico, 1996.

LEXICONS AND THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARIES

Balz, Horst R., and Gerhard Schneider, eds. *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*. 3 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990-93.

Brown, Colin, ed. *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*. 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1975-85.

Danker, Frederick William, reviser and editor. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd edition. Based on Walter Bauer's *Griechisch-Deutsches Wörterbuch zu den Schriften des Neuen Testaments und der frühchristlichen Literatur*, 6th edition, edited by Kurt Aland and Barbara Aland, with Viktor Reichmann, and on previous English editions by William F. Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich, and F. W. Danker. Chicago: University Press, 2000.

Kittel, Gerhard, and Gerhard Friedrich, eds. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. 10 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964-76.

Liddell, Henry George, Robert Scott, and Henry Stuart Jones. *A Greek-English Lexicon*. 9th ed. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996.

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Spicq, Ceslas, ed. *Theological Lexicon of the New Testament*. 3 vols. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1994.

TEXTUAL CRITICISM

- Aland, Kurt, and Barbara Aland. *The Text of the New Testament: An Introduction to the Critical Editions and to the Theory and Practice of Modern Textual Criticism*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989.
- Black, David Alan. *Rethinking New Testament Textual Criticism*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2002.
- Epp, Eldon J., and Gordon D. Fee. *Studies in the Theory and Method of New Testament Textual Criticism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993.
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COMMENTARIES ON MARK

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- Dowd, S. *Reading Mark: A Literary and Theological Commentary on the Second Gospel*. Reading the New Testament Series. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2000.
- Edwards, J. R. *The Gospel According to Mark*. Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.
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- France, R. T. *The Gospel of Mark: A Commentary on the Greek Text*. NIGTC. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.
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- Gundry, R. H. *Mark: A Commentary on His Apology for the Cross*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993.

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- Marcus, J. *Mark 1-8: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. AB 27. New York: Doubleday, 2000.
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- Rhoads, David, Joanna Dewey, and Donald Michie. *Mark as Story: An Introduction to the Narrative of a Gospel*. 2nd ed. Minneapolis: Fortress, 1999.
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