**New Testament Survey**

**III MILLENIUM**

**Accredited Curriculum Track**

3.5 credits

* **Course Description**: This course discusses the New Testament books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts, as well as Paul’s theology.
* **Course Goals:**
	+ Introduce students to the background and primary message of the Gospels.
	+ Summarize the structure, content, original meaning and modern application of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
	+ Introduce students to the background and primary message of the book of Acts.
	+ Summarize the structure, content, original meaning and modern application of the book of Acts.
	+ Orient students to Paul’s apostolic ministry.
	+ Describe Paul’s central message and worldview.
	+ Summarize the structure, content, original meaning and modern application of Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, and 1 & 2 Corinthians.

* **Course Requirements:**
	+ Read/Watch each Lecture.
	+ Complete the Quiz associated with each Lecture.
	+ There are no Assignments or Forums associated with this course.

**Course Outline:**

* Lecture 1: Introduction to the Gospels (108 min)
	+ This lecture explores the literary character of the Gospels, their status in the Church, and their unity and variety.
* Lecture 2: The Gospel According to Matthew (142 min)
	+ This lecture discusses the reason for Matthew writing the first gospel, to explain that Jesus was the king of the Jews, and that he brought the kingdom of heaven, even though even though Jesus didn’t arrive in the way people expected.
* Lecture 3: The Gospel According to Mark (113 min)
	+ This lecture discusses the reason for Mark writing the second gospel, the persecution of the Christians. Mark told the story of Jesus’ life in ways that strengthened the faith of early Christians and encouraged them to persevere through suffering.
* Lecture 4: The Gospel According to Luke (124 min)
	+ In this lecture, Luke describes Jesus Christ as the one who saves. Humanity is lost and desperate without help or hope, in need of salvation. The third gospel reminds us that Jesus died to save us.
* Lecture 5: The Gospel According to John (124 min)
	+ This lecture discusses John’s reason for writing the fourth gospel, to assure the persecuted Jewish believers that Jesus was the fulfillment of God’s ancient promises to the Jews and that Jesus really is the Christ, the Son of God. John wanted to make sure that they would remain faithful to Jesus and enjoy abundant life in him.
* Lecture 6: The Background of Acts (85 min)
	+ This lecture investigates the author, historical setting, and the theological background of the book of Acts.
* Lecture 7: Structure and Content of Act (80 min)
	+ This lecture examines the structure and content of Acts by looking at the ways Luke organized his material, and at the message he intended to teach.
* Lecture 8: Major Themes of Acts (64 min)
	+ This lecture explores the three major concepts that Luke addressed in the book of Acts. Luke told the story of the unhindered spread of the gospel of God’s kingdom in the days of the early church.
* Lecture 9: Paul and His Theology (62 min)
	+ This lecture explores Paul’s theology, how his beliefs related to his ministry as well as his central theological outlooks.
* Lecture 10: Paul and the Galatians (61 min)
	+ This lecture explores the background of Paul’s epistle to the Galatians, the content of Galatians and Paul’s central theological outlooks.
* Lecture 11: Paul and the Thessalonians (74 min)
	+ This lecture investigates the background to Paul’s letters to the Thessalonians, the structure and content of 1 & 2 Thessalonians, and reveals his eschatology.
* Lecture 12: Paul and the Corinthians (73 min)
	+ This lecture explores the background to Paul’s letters to the Corinthians, the structure and content of 1 & 2 Corinthians, and reveals his eschatology.