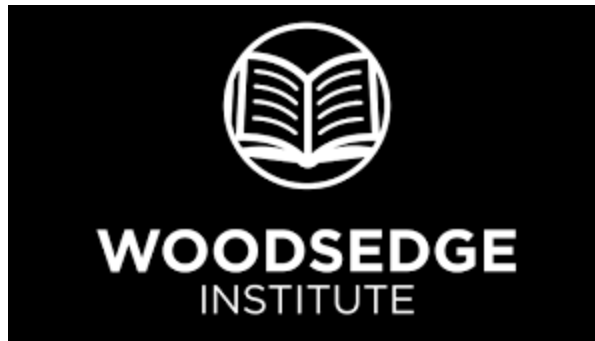




301: New Testament Bible Survey
Session 1: Introduction to the New Testament

The Bible is a story about God's _____ with his special creation, humanity.

The Bible is divided into two major parts, the _____ Testament and the _____ Testament.

The Old Testament consists of _____ books.

The Intertestamental Period was a time of huge _____, _____, and _____ upheaval.

The New Testament contains _____ books.

The New Testament books point to the one central message shared by the authors: the _____, _____, and _____ of Jesus Christ.

There are three questions we must ask when reading and studying the New Testament:

- What does the _____ say?
- What is the historical _____?
- What does it mean to _____ today?

_____ is key when reading the New Testament.

We must examine the _____ context of the New Testament including its

_____, _____, and _____ ideas.

We must recognize the inherent _____ between understanding the

_____ background of the Scriptures and the _____ of our current

day.

_____ is where most of our disagreements occur!

That's where we need _____ and to remember the final ingredient – the Holy

Spirit.

We must be courageous enough to question not just the biblical text but also

_____, our _____, and our _____.

The New Testament demonstrates that the early church was more _____,

(somewhat) _____, and _____ than we often believe.

The New Testament is the continuation of the _____ of God in the Old

Testament, revealing God's specific plan in the _____ and _____ of

Jesus Christ for the rescue of _____.

Optional Additional Course Reading:

Introductory

A Little Exercise for Young Theologians. Helmut Thielicke. Eerdmans, 2016.

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, 4th ed. Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart. Zondervan Academic, 2014.

The Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible, 2nd ed. Scott McKnight. Zondervan, 2018.

The New Testament in Antiquity: A Survey of the New Testament within Its Cultural Contexts, 2nd ed. Gary Burge, Gene Green. Zondervan Academic, 2020.

A Beginner's Guide to New Testament Studies. Nijay Gupta. Baker Academic, 2020.

Archaeology and the New Testament. John McRay. Baker Academic, 2008.

The Day the Revolution Began: Reconsidering the Meaning of Jesus' Crucifixion. N.T. Wright, Harper One, 2016.

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

Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free. F.F. Bruce. Eerdmans, 2000.

Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament. J. Julius Scott, Jr. Baker Academic, 2000.

Strange Religion: How the First Christians Were Weird, Dangerous, and Compelling. Nijay K. Gupta. Brazos Press, 2024.

Exploring the New Testament World: An Illustrated Guide to the World of Jesus and the First Christians. Albert A. Bell, Jr. Thomas Nelson, 1998.

Experienced

Reading the Gospels Wisely: A Narrative and Theological Introduction. Jonathan T. Pennington. Baker Academic, 2012.

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Between the Testaments: The History and Theology of God's People in the Second Temple Period. George Athos. Zondervan Academic, 2023.

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A Theology of the New Testament. George Eldon Ladd. Eerdmans, 1993.

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The First Urban Christians: The Social World of the Apostle Paul, 2nd ed. Wayne Meeks. Yale University Press, 2003.

Women in the World of the Earliest Christians: Illuminating Ancient Ways of Life. Lynn Cohick. Baker Academic, 2009.

Jews in the Mediterranean Diaspora: From Alexander to Trajan (323 BCE – 117 CE). John M.G. Barclay. University of California Press, 1999.

Paul and Palestinian Judaism: 40th Anniversary Edition. E.P. Sanders. Fortress Press, 2017.

Paul and His Recent Interpreters. N.T. Wright. Fortress Press, 2015.

The Interpretation of the New Testament, 1861-1986. Stephen Neill, Tom Wright. Oxford University Press, 1988.

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The Idea of Israel in Second Temple Judaism. Jason Staples. Cambridge University Press, 2021.

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