HINE 110: JESUS, THE GOSPELS, AND HISTORY

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MWF 9:00 to 9:50 AM
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REQUIRED TEXTS:
NRSV Bible with Apocrypha (Hendrickson)
John Dominic Crossan, Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography (HarperOne)
Course Reader (A.S. Soft Reserves)

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

GRADE BREAKDOWN:
Attendance & Participation 15%
Midterm 20%
Research Paper (1500 to 2000 words) 35%
Final Exam 30%

LATE ASSIGNMENTS:
Late assignments will be docked 1/3 of a letter grade per calendar day late (including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays). For example, if the assignment is due on a Wednesday, and a student hands it in the following Monday, the assignment will be docked 1 2/3 grades.

READING SCHEDULE
***Readings should be completed before the class for which they are assigned***

PART 1: BACKGROUND
Lecture 1 (3/30): Introduction to the Course
Lecture 2 (4/1): The Greco-Roman Heritage
Reading: “Hellenistic Religion” (READER)
Porphyry, The Life of Pythagoras (READER)
Lecture 3 (4/3): The “Judaisms” of the Second Temple Period
“On Political Unrest in First-Century Palestine” (READER)
Lecture 4 (4/6): Reading the Gospels

PART 2: THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS
Lecture 5 (4/8): The Gospel of Mark (I)
Reading: The Gospel of Mark
Lecture 6 (4/10): The Gospel of Mark (II)
Reading: Koester, “The Story of the Gospel of Mark” (READER)
“Analysis of Mark” (READER)
Lecture 7 (4/13): The Gospel of Mark (III)
Reading: The Secret Gospel of Mark
Lecture 8 (4/15): The Gospel of Matthew (I)
Reading: The Gospel of Matthew
Reading: The Gospel of Luke

Lecture 11 (4/22): The Development of the Gospel Traditions and the Synoptic Problem
Reading: Koester, “The Synoptic Sayings Source” (READER)

Lecture 12 (4/24): The Q Sayings Source
Reading: The Sayings Gospel Q (CG)

PART 3: OTHER RELEVANT GOSPELS
Lecture 13 (4/27): The Gospel of Thomas
Reading: The Gospel of Thomas (CG)

Lecture 14 (4/29): The Fourth Gospel (I)
Reading: The Gospel of John

Lecture 15 (5/1): The Fourth Gospel (II)

Lecture 16 (5/4): The Gospels of Peter and Mary
The Gospel of Peter, The Gospel of Mary (CG)

Lecture 17 (5/6): MIDTERM

PART 4: THE QUEST FOR THE HISTORICAL JESUS
Lecture 18 (5/8): The Three Quests for the Historical Jesus
Reading: Wright, “Quest for the Historical Jesus” (READER)

Lecture 19 (5/11): John Dominic Crossan’s Approach (I)
Reading: Crossan, Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography (first half)

Lecture 20 (5/13): John Dominic Crossan’s Approach (II)
Reading: Crossan, Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography (second half)

Lecture 21 (5/15): E. P. Sanders’s Approach (I)
Reading: Sanders, The Historical Figure of Jesus (READER)

Lecture 22 (5/18): E. P. Sanders's Approach (II)
Reading: Sanders, Jesus and Judaism (READER)

PART 5: CONTEXTUALIZING JESUS
Lecture 23 (5/20): First-Century Galilee

Lecture 24 (5/22): Jesus and Archaeology
Reading: Crossan and Reed, “Jewish Resistance to Roman Domination” (READER)

***No class on 5/25 (Memorial Day)***

Lecture 25 (5/27): Jesus and Economics
***TERM PAPER DUE***
Reading: Fiensy, “Jesus in Galilee” (READER)

Lecture 26 (5/29): Jesus and Politics
Reading: Horsley, “The Imperial Situation of Palestinian Jewish Society” (READER)

Lecture 27 (6/1): Jesus’ Halakhah
Reading: Fiensy, “Jesus and Purity” (READER)
Chilton, “Recovering Jesus’ Mamzerut” (READER)

Lecture 28 (6/3): Jesus’ Apocalyptic and Social Messages

Lecture 29 (6/5): Concluding Remarks

FINAL EXAM (6/10): 8:00-11:59 AM (WEDNESDAY)