

Subject	Jesus and the Gospels
Code	NT301 (Undergraduate unit) / NT501 (Graduate unit)
Learning Outcomes	<p>This is one of two foundational units that form the basis for all further study of the New Testament. Its primary concern is to enable candidates to gain a clear understanding of the ministry of Jesus and of the contents, themes and character of the various canonical Gospel traditions.</p> <p>Candidates will gain an understanding of the main shape of the Gospels, with the identification of major units, sections and motifs. Notable features will be explored in reference to particular examples, and the recognition of broader patterns and appreciation of the narrative as a whole.</p> <p>At the end of this unit the student will have completed the following learning outcomes:</p> <p>Know and understand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The contents, themes and character of the canonical Gospel traditions 2. The life and ministry of Jesus 3. Selected approaches to Jesus and the Gospels (NT501 only) <p>Be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the influence of the historical, socio-cultural, religious and political setting of first-century Palestine as the context of Jesus' life and ministry 2. Analyse the distinctive features of the four Gospels and the interrelationships between them 3. Discuss: a) the life and identity of Jesus; and b) the message and ministry of Jesus 4. Evaluate selected approaches to Jesus and the Gospels (NT501 only) <p>Be in a position to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Integrate perspectives from 'Jesus and the Gospels' with their other theological studies 2. Apply perspectives from 'Jesus and the Gospels' to current issues in Christian life and thought
Content	<p>Jesus' life and ministry, with special reference to the following:</p> <p>(a) Context and setting: The historical, socio-cultural, religious and political setting of first century Palestine</p> <p>(b) One Gospel and four Gospels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A detailed study of one or more gospels ○ Distinctive features of the Gospels ○ The interrelationship of the Gospels <p>(c) The identity and life of Jesus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The designations and titles of Jesus ○ The passion and resurrection narratives

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	<p>(d) The message and ministry of Jesus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Kingdom of God in the proclamation of Jesus ○ The significance and interpretation of the parables ○ The ethics of Jesus, including the Sermon on the Mount ○ The miracles of Jesus and their significance <p>(e) Reflection (through a-d) on the significance of Jesus Christ for contemporary life and ministry</p>
Scheduled	Semester 1, 2017
Timetable	Wednesdays 2.10 am – 5.00 pm
Pre-requisites	None
Lecturer	Mark Kulikovsky
Delivery mode	39 hours of face to face contact consisting of 12 teaching weeks + 1 study week; 3 hours/week
Assessment Information	<p>Undergraduate unit: Essay (1750 words) - worth 35% Project (1250 words) – worth 25% Exam (80 mins) – worth 40%</p> <p>Graduate unit: Essay (2500 words) – worth 45% Book Report/Reflection (1500 words) – worth 25% Exam (80 mins) – worth 30%</p>
Fee	<p>Fees vary for Audit (non- assessment) or Credit enrolments. FEE-HELP available for Credit students. Contact the Registrar for details.</p>