

# COS 321 – BIBLE III

## GOSPELS

### COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

This course focuses on the content and message of the Gospels, as well as the theological perspectives of the Gospel writers. The practice of exegesis will be emphasized.

#### Students will be able to:

1. Understand the origin, message, and purpose of each Gospel.
  2. Exegete this form of literature.
  3. Apply exegesis to preaching, other pastoral responsibilities, and issues of the present day.
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### TEXTBOOKS

#### REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Mark Allen Powell: ***Introducing the New Testament***
- Frederick Murphy: ***An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels***
- Alan Culpepper: ***Anatomy of the 4th Gospel***

#### SUPPLEMENTARY:

- Sharon Ringe: ***Luke (Westminster Bible Companion)***
- Moody Smith: ***Abingdon New Testament Commentary on John***

#### TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

**Goal:** Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.