

COS #321 – BIBLE III
The Gospels
On-line, Fall 2020, Dr. Bill Wilson

ADDENDUM TO SYLLABUS
(Asynchronous required 10 hours)

DISCUSSION BOARD (Facebook group page)

Note: Facebook group page is to be used only for discussion of these assignments, not for personal communication.

(Instruction: Each week you are to post a response of 100 words or less to question posed by instructor; and, also reply/respond with no more than 100 words to at least two (2) of your fellow students and their response; throughout the term, you must have responded to each of the class members). **Deadline each week: post must be done by Friday's, 12noon.**

Video instruction: You are to view the video clip, and then reflect and respond in 100 words or less to the questions asked; NOTE: feel free to discuss by reply to other class members, but for video responses this is not required.

Week 1 (September 20-25)

- **Question:** *What is your favorite Gospel story or verse? How has it been formational for you? What meaning to you?*
- **View video – YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEEvKa3U3Y>
Prof. N. T. Wright, "The New Testament in Its World"
- **Response to video:** *What one idea, insight was helpful? What is the one take-away concept you like from the video clip? Any issues?*

Week 2 (September 27-October 2)

- **Question:** *Scripture itself and biblical scholars challenge us to be "doers of the Gospel"; and, we teach and preach that we are to "live the Gospel" – what does this mean to you in these days, in these times, and culture?*
- **View video – YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICHovRHJAYY>
Prof. N. T. Wright, "Gospels"
- **Respond to video:** *What one idea, insight was helpful? What is the one take-away concept you like from the video clip? Any issues?*

Week 3 (October 4-9)

- **Question:** *From the text, An Introduction to Jesus and the Gospels, author, Frederick Murphy in Chapter Eight, “The Historical Jesus”, raises the issue (pp. 317-319) – “texts that do not simply claim to convey history. They proclaim religious truth. . .believers are accustomed to thinking that they have a firm historical foundation of what Jesus actually said and did on which to build their religion.” What is your reflection, reaction or response, and understanding of any differences; what concerns, what issues do you see after reading about “The Historical Jesus”?*

Week 4 (October 11-16)

- **Question:** *Some biblical theologians have suggested that one of the primary purposes of the Gospel story is to point to the Passion Narratives. One theologian says, “Gospels are passion narratives with extended introductions”.. Each Gospel writer has their own perspective. How do the other stories and approach of the individual gospel writings point to the death and resurrection of Jesus? Give one specific example of this from your understanding.*

Week 5 (October 18-23)

- **Question:** *In your opinion, what one parable of Jesus has significant meaning for teaching, preaching, and proclaiming the “gospel message” in these days, in these times, and our culture?*
- **View video: YouTube:** <https://repository.duke.edu/dc/dukechapel/dcrmv001183>
Bishop Will Willimon, Duke Chapel preaching, Matthew 13:24-30 (1990 when Chaplain of Duke University Chapel); (Note: on video at 20.00 – 40.00)
- **Respond to video:** *What one idea, insight was helpful? What is the one take-away concept you like from the video clip? Any issues?*

Week 6 (October 25-30)

- **Question:** *For centuries in many liturgical practices and worship it has been appropriate to ask persons to stand for the reading of the Gospel in worship settings. What meaning does this have or not have for you and your current congregational setting?*

Week 7 (November 1-6)

- **Question:** *Nearly one-fifth of the Gospel accounts is devoted to Jesus' healing ministry, including the circumstances, the methods used and the effects on the individual and those who were on-lookers. What is one of your favorite stories of healing (give biblical reference)? What meaning does that story have on your understanding of Jesus' ministry and the message of the Gospel?*
- **View video:** YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGS6YWz3oDY> Bishop Will Willimon preaching, "The Woman at the Well", John 4:5-42.
- **Respond to video:** *What one idea, insight was helpful? What is the one take-away concept you like from the video clip? Any issues?*

Week 8 (November 8-13)

- **Question:** *Coming to the end of the term having examined very specifically the Gospels – what one insight, concept, idea do you take away from this class?*

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PROJECT (note – page 8, Class Syllabus) ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Follow instructions from the syllabus regarding use of selecting "project" from the website – www.IntroducingNT.com.
2. Once selecting the topic and using the basic information from the IntroducingNT.com website, you should engage in further research using search engines to expand your learning. You are encouraged to search videos from those search engines etc.
3. The 2-4 page summary to be submitted to the instructor should include the website information, links, addresses of any other sites.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING THESE INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO INSTRUCTOR, DrBillWilson@aol.com; or CALL at 304-633-0954.