

BN8002W Introducing the New Testament Narrative

Offered: 2018: Intensive – March (NAIITS Masters Unit – in Sydney NSW)

Building upon the foundations of the narrative of the Old Testament, this unit examines the New Testament texts and traditions describing the continued work of the Creator to redeem the creation and people of God in the ministry, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, as recorded and lived out in the earliest communities of followers.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Describe the complex religious, social, and historical circumstances in which Jesus and the early church lived and ministered.
2. Apply a method for interpreting the different types of New Testament literature.
3. Apply New Testament teachings to our lives in culturally appropriate ways.
4. Use the tools for biblical interpretation: dictionaries, commentaries, journals, monographs, along with primary sources.
5. Identify contemporary applications of NT texts by noting similarities and differences between ancient contexts and various contemporary contexts, including but not limited to Indigenous contexts.
6. Adapt these skills and cultural insights to further studies of the New Testament.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Four day intensive, with additional subsequent online component

Assessment:	Interpretive Journey paper (narrative) (1,250 words)	(20%)
	Interpretive Journey paper (epistle) (1,250 words)	(20%)
	Cultural Engagement Project (2,500 words)	(40%)
	Reading comprehension quizzes (1,000 words)	(20%)

Faculty: Danny Zacharias

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

*Mark Allan Powell, *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009. (Includes extra material online: www.introducingnt.com)

*J. Scott Duvall and J. Daniel Hays, *Journey into God's Word*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008

Carter, Warren, *Seven Events that Shaped the New Testament World*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2013.

Croy, N Clayton, *Prima Scriptura: An Introduction To New Testament Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011.

Sugirtharajah, Rasiah S, *The Bible and the Third World: Precolonial, Colonial and Postcolonial Encounters*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Musa W. Dube Shomanah, Andrew Mūtūa Mbuvi, and Dora R. Mbuwayesango (eds), *Postcolonial Perspectives in African Biblical Interpretations*. Global Perspectives on Biblical Scholarship, Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012.