

Exegesis of Synoptic Gospels

Academic credits

4 CP (6 ECTS)

Prerequisites

Overview of the Bible

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Content (Course Annotation)

The course looks chronologically at synoptic gospels, based on Matthew's Gospel, which most directly forms a historical and theological bridge from the Old to the New Testament. The soteriology of the New Testament and the resulting connotations are discussed based on gospel testimony about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Aims

- show the Gospel of Matthew in the synoptic context;
- to deepen the student's understanding of the incarnation of Jesus;
- show how parables and miracles reveal the teaching of Jesus;
- point to the consistency resulting from the message of synoptic gospels.

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge

The students will know:

- synoptic Gospels and their content;
- what doctrine stems from the miracles of Jesus;
- what should be taken into account in explaining the parables of Jesus.

Assessment

Individual task
Examination

Skills

The students will be able to:

- look at fragments of the gospel in a synoptic context.
- to see a link with the Old Testament

Individual task
Examination

Competencies

The students will be able to:

- teach the gospel of Matthew in bible classes, in worship services and elsewhere in ministry; Individual task Examination
- see the topicality of the gospel message in the Church, in society and in the life of the faithful

Assessment

	Study results			% of the final score
	Knowledge	Skills	Competence	
Individual task	+	+	+	50
Examination	+	+	+	50

FULL-TIME STUDIES

Lesson plan

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Ac. hours (45 min)</i>
1 Synoptic Gospels: The common and the different. Synopsis as a method of exegesis. Author of Matthew Gospel	2
2 The birth, life and ministry of Jesus till the miracle in Cana.	10
3 The calling of apprentices, the sermon of the Mountain, the miracles of healing.	16
4 The parables of Jesus, dialogues and miracles: teaching and exegesis.	16
5 The eschatological message of Jesus.	4
6 The suffering of Jesus, the death of the cross and the resurrection.	16
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>64</i>

Individual study plan

Individual studies	Hours
1. Study the literature sources specified by the teacher.	48
2. Exploring Matthew's Gospel fragment in a synoptic context, preparing a presentation.	48
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>96</i>

Readings

Mandatory Readings

1. Luters, Mārtiņš. *Jēzus Kalna Sprediķis*. Rīga: Luterisma mantojuma fonds, 2016.
2. Sārnivāra, Ūrass. *Vai Bībelei var uzticēties?* Rīga: Augsburgas institūts, 2001, 564.-629.lpp.
3. Slenska, Reinhards. *Jēzus Kalna Sprediķis*. Rīga: Luterisma mantojuma fonds, 2000.

Additional Readings

1. Džasts, Artūrs. *Lūkas evaņģēlijs 1:1-9:50*. Rīga: Luterisma mantojuma fonds, 2001.
2. Džasts, Artūrs. *Lūkas evaņģēlijs 9:51-24:53*. Rīga: Luterisma mantojuma fonds, 2003.

Internet sources:

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