

# Exegesis of Gospel of John

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## Academic credits

2 KP (3 ECTS)

## Pre-course requirements

New Testament Greek

## Approved by

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## Content

Students are presented with questions about the authorship, dating and historical context of John's Gospel; the main topics of the Gospel and the theological findings resulting therefrom. The course focuses on the unique features of John's Gospel among other evangelists and shows how the evangelist, using references to the Old Testament and symbols (water, light, life, etc.) proclaims that Jesus is Christ. The course also includes original text analysis and discussions.

## Aims

- Highlight the special place of the Gospel of John among other gospels;
- to reveal the essential role of the Gospel of John in the theological development of the Church.

## Learning Outcomes

### ***Knowledge***

*The students will know:*

- The authorship, dating and purpose of the Gospel of John;
- The importance of the Gospel of John in the development of Church theology;
- The special features of the Gospel of John, unlike the synoptic evangelicals;
- what persons are highlighted in the Gospel of John, unlike the synoptics, and what their message is;

### ***Assessment***

Individual task  
Examination

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- The message of the Old Testament, the use of festivals and persons in the Gospel of John.

### ***Skills***

*After learning a successful course, students will be able to:*

- a reasoned and justified presentation of the main theological accents of the Gospel of John; Individual task Examination
- show how the Gospel of John influenced the development of the Church's theological thought.

### ***Competencies***

*The students will be able to:*

- to perform a deep and theologically justified exegesis of the Gospel of John, preparing sermons and Bible studies. Individual task Examination

## FULL-TIME STUDIES

### Lesson plan

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Academic hours (45 min)</i>
1. Issues on the authorship, date, venue, purpose of the gospel. Prologue exegesis (1: 1-18): <i>Logos</i> background, structure, exegesis.	2
2. The exegesis of the testimony of John the Baptist, the baptism of Jesus, the first apprentices (1:19-51).	2
3. The miracle of Cana (2: 1-11, 13-22) and the cleansing of the temple.	2
4. Conversation with Nicodemus (3: 1-21). Conversation with Samaritan woman (4: 1-42).	2
5. Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John as Eucharistic homily; different viewpoints. Exegesis on the conversation of bread from heaven (6: 1-59).	2
6. Historical and theological introduction to the festival of Tabernacles. Exegesis: Jesus in Jerusalem during the festival of Tabernacles; Light of the World	2
7. Exegesis: Healing a blind (9: 1-41).	2
8. Exegesis: Jesus is the Good Shepherd (10: 1-21). Raising Lazarus (11: 1-53)	2
9. Exegesis: Jesus comes to Jerusalem, judgement (12: 1-50).	2

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10. Exegesis: Washing the feet of apprentices (13: 1-20). A discussion about the person of the beloved apprentice.	2
11. Exegesis: betrayal, New Commandment (13:21-38).	2
12. Jesus as the Way, Truth and Life, the Vine tree (14: 1-16:33).	2
13. Holy Spirit as Paraclete. Discussion.	2
14. Jesus "High Priest Prayer" (17: 1-26).	2
15. The suffering and death of Jesus (18: 1-19:42).	2
16. The Resurrection and appearing to the disciples (20: 1-29). Conclusion and purpose (20:30-31).	2
TOTAL	32

## Individual study plan

	Individual studies	Number of hours to run
1.	Study the literature sources specified by the lecturer.	36
2.	Preparing exegesis	12
		48

## Assessment

	Learning Outcomes			% of the final score
	Knowledge	Skills	Competence	
Individual task	+	+	+	50
Examination	+	+	+	50
				100

## Readings

### *Mandatory Readings*

1. Nestle (Eberhard and Erwin) & Aland (Barbara and Kurt). *Greek-English New Testament*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1981, 9<sup>th</sup> edition, 2001 (vai jaunāka).
2. Morris, Leon. *The Gospel according to John*. Revised Edition. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1995.

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3. Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1986.

### ***Additional Readings***

1. Brown, Raymond E. *The Gospel according to John: Introduction, translation and notes*. 2 volumes: Anchor Bible 29, 29A. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1966-1970.
2. Carson, D.A., Douglas J. Moo, Leon Morris. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1992.
3. Francmans, Martins. *Dieva Vārds aug: ievads Jaunajā Derībā*. Rīga: Luterisma mantojuma fonds, 2001.
4. Guthrie, Donald. *New Testament Introduction*. Downers Grove, Illinois: Inter-Varsity Press, 1976.
5. Kummel, Werner George. *Introduction to the New Testament*. Revised edition, translated by Howard Clark Kee. Nashville, TN: Abingdon: 1975.