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Semester, Year	FALL, 2025
Course Title	NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY AND HISTORY
Course Code	NEWT 0522 1P
Date	From September 9, 2025 to December 2, 2025 Every Tuesday
Time	From 8:15 AM to 11:05 AM
Delivery Format	IN-PERSON ONLY
Class information	The classes will be IN-PERSON on Tuesday from 8:15 AM to 11:05 AM.
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Office Hours	By appointment only.
Course Materials	Access course material at classes.tyndale.ca or other services at Tyndale One . Course emails will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca e-mail account only.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the New Testament focusing on its overarching vision of God’s mission in the world and how human beings are called to respond. Each book will be placed in its cultural and historical setting as we focus on its distinctive contribution to the New Testament. Along the way, students will be introduced to critical methods for studying the New Testament and will reflect on how we can integrate scholarly perspectives with a conviction that the New Testament is the Word of God.

Recommended prerequisite: BIBL 0501.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Discuss the relationship of human and divine elements in the composition, canonization, translation and interpretation of the New Testament as scripture;
2. Demonstrate the importance of the first century Mediterranean Greco-Roman and Jewish historical context for interpreting the New Testament;
3. Identify issues related to historical Jesus research and sketch out a general understanding of the four Gospels;
4. Describe a general outline for the life of Paul, identify some of the major theological themes in his letters, and analyze his letters according to ancient epistolary conventions;
5. Distinguish between and analyze individual New Testament books in relation to their historical background, literary features, themes, and contemporary significance;
6. Explain the challenges involved in the task of New Testament theology and illustrate the relevance of the New Testament to the contemporary life and mission of individuals and communities.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED READING

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

Powell, Mark Allan. [*Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2018 (2009).

New Testament text. While it is advisable to consult with more than one translation, your primary text can be any modern translation except paraphrases.

One of the following will be required for the book review (assignment #1):

McKnight, Scott, and B. J. Oropeza, eds. [*Perspectives on Paul: Five Views*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2020. ISBN 9781540960757

Thiessen, Matthew. [*A Jewish Paul: The Messiah's Herald to the Gentiles*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2023. ISBN 9781540965714

Thiessen, Matthew. [*Jesus and the Forces of Death: The Gospels' Portrayal of Ritual Impurity Within First-Century Judaism*](#). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2020. ISBN 9781540964878

Wright, N. T. [*How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*](#). New York: HarperCollins, 2016. ISBN 978-0-06-173060-3

B. SUPPLEMENTARY / RECOMMENDED READING AND TOOLS

Matera, Frank J. *New Testament Theology: Exploring Diversity and Unity*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.

Tyndale recommends [STEPBible](#) – a free and reputable online resource developed by Tyndale House (Cambridge, England) – for word searches of original-language texts, as well as for topical searches, interlinear texts, dictionaries, etc. Refer to the library for other [online resources for Biblical Studies](#).

C. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Students will be evaluated on the basis of the following assignments:

1. Book Review: Due on Tuesday Sep 30, 2025 (20% of final grade)

Each student is required to write a critical reflection of any one of the following books:

McKnight, Scott, and B. J. Oropeza, eds. *Perspectives on Paul: Five Views*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2020. ISBN 9781540960757

Thiessen, Matthew. *A Jewish Paul: The Messiah's Herald to the Gentiles*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2023. ISBN 9781540965714

Thiessen, Matthew. *Jesus and the Forces of Death: The Gospels' Portrayal of Ritual Impurity Within First-Century Judaism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2020. ISBN 9781540964878

Wright, N. T. *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*. New York: HarperCollins, 2016. ISBN 978-0-06-173060-3

As you prepare for and write your book review you will need to pay attention to the following guidelines:

- *General:* You need to either purchase or borrow the book and read it in its entirety. Highlight and/or make notes (summary) as you go so that you can readily recall what is needed for writing your review. It is often helpful to re-read book or parts of it (or your highlights) to make sure you fully understand what the author is saying.

- *Length and style:* Your paper should be 3 to 5 pages in length (maximum 5 pages). Approximately 50% each should be apportioned for the Part One (summary) and Part Two (critique and conclusion). The full bibliographic information for your chosen book should be given in your title page. When citing the book thereafter simply cite page numbers as ‘in-text citations’ in parenthesis: e.g. (p. 56). If you wish to cite another author, then include the full reference within your text (or in brackets). There should be no footnotes. For other important matters of style please see comments at the end of this section.
- *Part One:* The first part of your review should provide a summary of the book. Make sure to identify the target audience and overarching goal/purpose of the book, its structural divisions (e.g., part, chapters) along with key content (big ideas and key arguments) within those divisions. Your summary should provide a clear sense of the flow of the book in a way that represents the author as accurately as possible.
- *Part two:* The second part of your review is a critical evaluation of the book in terms of its strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. Primarily, this involves interacting with the key ideas and arguments of the book, but it is also appropriate to comment on such matters as style, layout, organization, clarity of communication, bibliographic information and additional resources (especially as they relate to the overall value of the book).
- *Conclusion:* At the end of part two draw your paper to a clear conclusion by commenting upon the usefulness of the book for yourself and others as a resource for personal growth and ministry, indicating whether the author or authors have accomplished what he/she/they set out to do.
- *Note:* the review should be written as if it will be read by someone who knows nothing about the book.

Assignment Grading: A grading rubric is posted on the course Moodle page.

2. Biblical Book Study: Due on Tuesday Oct 28, 2025 (30% of final grade)

Each student is required to write an introductory paper on a New Testament book of their choosing. Once you have selected your book then proceed according to the following guidelines:

- *Inductive study:* Read through the book (I recommend a photocopy) at least once or twice (several times if smaller) with highlighter and/or pen/pencil in hand, making notes and markings as you go. Look for clues about structure and key themes/ideas (e.g. repeated ideas and phrases) as well as such matters as authorship, historical context, intended audience, and intent/purpose. Make note of questions that require further research (e.g., background information, confusing and unclear passages, etc.)
- *Secondary sources:* After completing this initial inductive study, consult secondary literature that discusses these introductory issues and helps to flesh out, support, challenge, or in other ways enhance your inductive observations. Make note of important debates and key

arguments in support of them. When indicating a preference for a particular viewpoint, make sure to provide reasons for your conclusion (it is OK to be agnostic when the evidence is genuinely inconclusive or you need to do further research before drawing a conclusion). Use as many different secondary sources as you like, but as a basic minimum you should consult *at least five different types (dated no earlier than 2000)* of academic (not popular) sources from the following list: academic journal articles (ideally peer reviewed); New Testament Introductions; New Testament Theologies; academic commentaries (especially the introduction); articles in Bible Dictionaries or Encyclopedias; articles in academic books (monographs; multi-author and edited).

- **Paper content:** Organize your paper using the following sectional headings:
 - a) Historical and literary background: this section addresses issues of dating, authorship, audience, historical and geographical context (of audience and author). Make note of important discussion about sources and literary relationships (e.g., relationship of Synoptic Gospels to one another, of 2 Peter to Jude, or of James to Jesus traditions).
 - b) Identification of genre and Structural outline: identify and explain the major literary genre of your book: e.g., different types of letters, biography, history, apocalypse etc. (you will likely need to rely on secondary literature here). Identify and explain major structural divisions that indicate the overall flow of the book. For genre and structure, make note of divergent possibilities and scholarly opinions, stating your own preferences and giving reasons for your choices. Your conclusions should be based on your own observations in dialogue with secondary sources. Try to incorporate genre/structure insights into your discussion of themes and application.
 - Note: It is a good idea to include an outline of your chosen book (typical point form as found in most commentaries). *This is recommended for all but required for an A grade paper.* If your book is longer (e.g., Gospels, Acts, Romans, Revelation), then attach it as an appendix (not included in your page count). Note, however, the outline is not a substitute for your discussion, which should focus on explaining *why* you chose the structure you did.
 - c) Key theological themes/ideas: this section should identify key theological themes/ideas in your chosen book. *Each theme should be stated in a clear and concise but complete single sentence* (e.g., 'It is necessary to have faith in Jesus as the Christ if you are to live life to the full') and *not* simply given as word or heading (e.g., 'faith'). Each theme should be stated and then discussed (1-2 paragraphs). Your discussion should explain the theme and provide evidence for why it is thematic in this book (e.g. repetition in various contexts; significant chunk of text given over to it etc.). Since many thematic ideas appear in more than one NT book, your sentence and discussion should indicate how the thematic idea is uniquely represented in your chosen book (e.g., 'righteousness' in James vs Galatians vs Matthew).
 - d) Ideas for contemporary appropriation/application: This section should explore how your book informs contemporary church/society. Identify specific action steps, related to *one* of your themes, that appropriately bridge from the first to the twenty-first century. They should be clear, concrete, creative, realistic, and context specific (e.g., your church,

ministry organization, local community etc.). Indicate how these actions steps would potentially help to positively shape or change the culture of your stated context.

- e) Critical issues requiring further research: The final brief paragraph should identify outstanding questions that require further research to enhance your understanding of your chosen book.
- *Paper style*: This paper should be 8-10 pages in length but not exceeding 10 pages (not including title page, bibliography or appendix of structural breakdown). It should include footnotes (not endnotes) and a bibliography according to the Chicago Manual of Style (click on "Go to Notes and Bibliography" in the following Tyndale e-resource link: [Chicago-Style Quick Guide](#)). The bibliography should have a minimum of 5 items beyond the course texts (as above on secondary sources). For other important matters of style please see comments at the end of this section.
 - *General guidelines on spacing*: as you write you will need to decide how much space to give to specific sections in your paper. This will vary depending on the book you choose (e.g., authorship is debated and/or uncertain in books like Hebrews, James, and 2 Peter but not for Romans or Corinthians). As a general rule, however, at least fifty percent of your paper should be taken up with sections (c) and (d) with the least amount given to section (f).

Assignment Grading: A grading rubric is posted on the course Moodle page.

3. Research Paper: Due on Friday Nov 28, 2025 (50% of course grade)

Each student will select a research topic from the list below (alternative topics are welcome but must be approved in consultation with the instructor) and will write an academic paper related to that topic. Depending on the chosen topic and research question, this paper may address one or more of the Learning Outcomes identified at the beginning of this syllabus. In completing the paper the student should proceed according to the following guidelines:

- **Potential research topics**: the New Testament doctrine of scripture or canonization; the Jesus seminar and/or historical Jesus research; the kingdom of God; the death of Jesus; the resurrection of Jesus; apocalyptic literature and its value for studying the New Testament; the theology of Paul; Paul's understanding of the Old Testament law; the use of the Old Testament in the New; the value of New Testament critical methodology as used by modern biblical scholars (e.g. redaction criticism; source criticism; literary criticism, rhetorical criticism, etc.); the study of Jewish or Greco-Roman background in relation to interpretation of the New Testament; the 'new perspective' on Paul; pseudepigraphy in the New Testament; the relationship of history and theology in studying the New Testament; various theological themes or New Testament theology in general.
- **Research question**: your research paper should be a response to a specific research question, related to your chosen topic. The research question is critical to giving your paper

a specific focus. For example, “the resurrection of Jesus” is a research topic but not a research question. Many possible questions could be asked about this topic such as the following: what is the historical and contextual background (OT; Ancient Near East; Greco-Roman etc.) to resurrection in the NT? What is the historical evidence for Jesus being raised bodily from the dead? How is the resurrection of Jesus best explained – bodily resurrection, mythological story, objective visionary experience or other? Etc. It is recommended (but not required) that you get input from the instructor when formulating your research question. Research potential answers to your question in secondary scholarly literature (see below) as well as paying close attention to the New Testament itself. Your paper should demonstrate the ability to accurately summarize, critically engage, and synthesize your research findings with your own ideas.

- **Secondary literature:** in keeping with the grading rubric below, an A/B paper will include between (at least) 7 to 15 items in your bibliography. The only items included in this count will be secondary scholarly sources that have obvious relevance to your paper (assigned course reading not included). These include such things as scholarly commentaries, NT Introductions, NT Theologies, books, and articles/essays (e.g., in dictionaries and essay collections). If there is *significant interaction* (versus a brief citation) with a primary source (e.g., Josephus or Philo etc.) then the reference to this primary source will be included in the bibliography count. You are welcome to reference the following type of items as you see fit, but they will not be included in the bibliography count: popular articles, essays and commentaries; popular online articles; Bibles and study Bibles. Work hard to understand and represent the authors accurately while bringing their ideas into constructive dialogue with one another and with your own. Avoid unthinking reliance upon authors you like or agree with and overly quick dismissal of authors you disagree with. You should cite all sources appropriately in **footnotes** (not endnotes) and provide a full bibliography at the end of your paper.
- **General approach:** the paper should be clearly structured with the following sections: (1) an introduction (identify your research question, why it is important to address and how you intend to address it); (2) body (present your research in a clear and organized fashion – it is often helpful to use sectional headings to organize and clarify your thoughts); (3) and conclusion (draw clear conclusions in answering your research question based on your findings presented in the body of the paper). What matters most is that you organize and clearly present your research and ideas. In a paper that discusses differing opinions this does not mean drawing conclusions where there is insufficient evidence. It is possible, for example, that you are unable to decide between two or more options. In this case you need to clearly show the strengths and weaknesses of each option and why you think ambiguity remains. You may give suggestions for further research that would help gain more insight.
- **Style:** The paper should be 8-10 pages in length (maximum 10, not including title page or bibliography) with footnotes (not endnotes) and a bibliography of sources consulted. Please follow the Chicago Manual of Style for footnotes and bibliography ([See “Documenting Chicago Style” tip sheet](#)). The bibliography should include all items of secondary and primary literature that are cited (not Bibles but it is good to indicate in a footnote or parenthesis which

version/versions you are using) and should include a good cross section of types (commentaries; books; articles) and viewpoints. For other important matters of style please see comments at the end of this section.

Assignment Grading: A grading rubric is posted on the course Moodle page.

Submission guidelines and late penalties:

Written assignments are due on the dates indicated and should be type written, *double-spaced, 12 point font Times New Roman (10 point font for footnotes), and one inch margins*. Make sure to include page numbers and a title page (title of paper; your name; due date; course code and name of professor). They should be submitted in pdf format and uploaded to the appropriate portal on the course Moodle page.

Please label the file with your name and assignment (e.g., John Smith_Book Review or John Smith_Research Paper). The deadline for submission is midnight on the due date.

It is expected that written work is submitted in a straightforward style of academic prose and demonstrates clear organization, argument and coherent thought. It ought to be free of spelling mistakes, punctuated correctly, and adhere to basic rules of grammar. Ensure that you have accurately and fully documented any secondary sources used in your paper (including footnotes and bibliography). If English grammar is difficult for you then you are expected to seek help (e.g., from the writing services of the Centre for Academic Excellence).

See Section VI below for late penalty policy.

D. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

Assignment	Due Date	% of final grade
1. Book Review	Tuesday Sep 30, 2025	20%
2. Biblical Book Study	Tuesday Oct 28, 2025	30%
3. Research Paper	Friday Nov 28, 2025	50%
Total Grade		100%

IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

Week 1: Sep 9

Course Introduction and Syllabus

Lecture: The New Testament as Scripture

Required reading:

- Powell 59-75 (17 pages) (chap 3)
- Carter 107-154 (48 pages) (chapters 6 and 7)

Week 2: Sep 16

Lecture: The New Testament in its Historical Context

Course reading:

- Powell 17-57 (41 pages) (chaps 1 + 2)
- Carter 1-64 (64 pages) (chaps 1-3)

Week 3: Sep 23

Lecture: Jesus and the Gospels (General Introduction)

Course reading:

- Powell 77-117 (41 pages) (chaps 4 + 5)
- Carter 65-85 (20 pages) (chap 4)
- New Testament: Gospel of Luke

Week 4: Sep 30

NOTE: Book Review Due on Tuesday Sep 30 (assignment #1)

Lecture: The Gospel of Mark

Course reading:

- Powell 119-159 (19 pages) (chaps 6 + 7)
- Carter 87-106 (19 pages) (chap 5)
- New Testament: Gospel of Mark

Week 5: Oct 7

Lecture: The Gospel of John and the Johannine Letters

Course reading:

- Powell 183-203 and 507-521 (36 pages) (chaps 9 + 28)
- New Testament: Gospel of John and 1, 2, 3, John

Week 6: Oct 14

Lecture: Luke and Acts

Course reading:

- Powell 161-181 and 205-229 (46 pages) (chaps 8 + 10)
- New Testament: Acts

OCT 21 – NO CLASS – READING WEEK

Week 7: Oct 28

NOTE: Biblical Book Study Due on Tuesday Oct 28 (assignment #2)

Lecture: Paul and His Letters (General Introduction)

Course reading:

- Powell 231-269 and 431-441 (50 pages) (chaps 11 +12 + 23)
- New Testament: Philemon

Week 8: Nov 4

Lecture: Romans

Course reading:

- Powell 271-287 (17 pages) (chap 13)
- New Testament: Romans

Week 9: Nov 11

Lecture: Paul - The Corinthian Correspondence (1-2 Corinthians)

Course reading:

- Powell 289-321 (33 pages) (chaps 14 + 15)
- New Testament: 1-2 Corinthians

Week 10: Nov 18

Lecture: Catholic Epistles - Hebrews

Course reading:

- Powell 443-459 (17 pages) (chap 24)
- New Testament: Hebrews

Week 11: Nov 25

NOTE: Research Paper Due on Friday Nov 28 (assignment #3)

Lecture: Revelation

Course reading:

- Powell 531-551 (21 pages) (chap 30)
- New Testament: Revelation

Week 12: Dec 2

Lecture: New Testament Theology

Course Reading: none

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VI. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL COURSES

A. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

B. REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVESTREAM INTERACTION (*SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE COURSE ONLY*)

- Livestream attendance for the entire duration of the class at announced times
- Headphones (preferred), built-in microphone, and web-camera
- Well-lit and quiet room
- Stable high-speed internet connection, preferably using an Ethernet cable over Wi-Fi
- Full name displayed on Zoom and Microsoft Teams for attendance purposes*
- A commitment to having the camera on to foster community building*

**exceptions with permission from professor*

C. GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTIONS

Tyndale University prides itself in being a trans-denominational community. We anticipate our students to have varied viewpoints which will enrich the discussions in our learning community. Therefore, we ask our students to be charitable and respectful in their interactions with each other, and to remain focused on the topic of discussion, out of respect to others who have committed to being a part of this learning community. Please refer to “Guidelines for Interactions” on your course resource page at classes.tyndale.ca.

D. GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Grading Rubric

Please consult the rubric provided for each assignment on your course resource page at classes.tyndale.ca.

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism (including improper use of artificial intelligence programs). Tyndale University takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty. Please refer to the [Academic Integrity website](#) for further details.

For proper citation style, consult [Citation Guides](#) for different styles. Students are encouraged to consult [Writing Services](#).

Students should also consult the current [Academic Calendar](#) for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System.

Turnitin Text-Matching Software

Tyndale has a subscription to Turnitin, a text-matching software that ensures the originality of academic writing and verifies the proper citation of all sources. The instructor for this course will use Turnitin for assignments submitted through your course resource page at classes.tyndale.ca. Upon submission, you will receive a summary that includes your submitted files along with a similarity report generated by Turnitin. Please be aware that Turnitin can also detect AI-generated content from tools like Grammarly, so students should be mindful of when

using such software. It's advisable to confirm with your instructor before using any AI tools into your assignments. Below are some useful resources:

- [Student](#) Guides for Turnitin via classes.tyndale.ca course resource page
- Interpreting Similarity ([Guide](#), [Video](#), [Spectrum](#))

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and may require approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Dean's Office (seminaryoffice@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

Late Papers and Extensions Policy

All papers and course assignments must be submitted by the due dates indicated in the course syllabus. Unless the instructor already has a policy on grading late papers in the course syllabus, grades for papers submitted late without an approved extension will be lowered at the rate of two-thirds of a grade per week or part thereof (e.g., from "A+" to "A-," from "B" to "C+"). Please note that some programs, such as cohort-based or intensive courses, may follow a different policy due to the nature of the program.

Faculty may not grant an extension beyond the last day of exams for the semester. Requests for extensions beyond this date must be addressed in writing to the Registrar by filling out the [Extension Request Form](#). The application will be considered only in cases such as a death in the family, medical emergency, hospitalization of oneself or immediate family member or prolonged illness requiring treatment by a physician. Factors such as assignments for other courses, holidays, and technology-related difficulties are insufficient grounds for requesting an extension.

A temporary grade of incomplete ("I") may be granted by the Registrar. Once an extension is granted, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor and make satisfactory arrangements to complete the outstanding work. A grade of "F" will be recorded for students who do not complete the outstanding work by the deadline.

E. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The link can also be found in the left column on the course page. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential, and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

F. LIBRARY RESOURCES

[Tyndale Library](#) supports courses with [e-journals, e-books](#), and the [mail delivery of books](#) and circulating materials. See the [Library FAQ page](#).

G. GRADING SYSTEM & SCALE

For each course's grading rubric, please refer to your course syllabus or classes.tyndale.ca. For general grading guidelines, refer to Seminary [Grading System & Scale](#).