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MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Description

BI 2211 John, 3 Credit Hours

A study of the fourth Gospel in light of its historical context, stated purpose, and development of theme to discover its testimony to the deity and saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prerequisites: None

Course Goals

In this course you will:

- Understand the major events in the Gospel of John
- Be familiar with the major miracles of Christ
- Understand the major theological events in the Book of John
- Gain an appreciation for how Christ met the needs of individuals
- Determine the need to study the Bible for one's self

Course Objectives

By the completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe the life of Christ and its broad storyline as shown through the Gospel of John
2. Summarize the historical setting, purpose, themes, and theology of the life of Christ
3. Identify the major dates, places, and people who played important parts in the life of Christ in John's Gospel
4. Identify the major theological themes in The Gospel of John
5. Compose a theological reflection on a major passage in the life of Christ and the relevance of this passage to your life and the life of the church, as well as action plans for applying the passage individually and corporately

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

Assignments Overview

All assignments are due according to the schedule listed on the Course Schedule.

READING: The completion of the course reading is an important part of the course. You are expected to complete the reading early in the week for discussion purposes.

DISCUSSION BOARD POSTING: Significant participation in the discussion boards is required of each student in the course. Your postings should be well thought out and should advance the conversations with other students. You should not only answer the question for yourself, but also comment on the answers of two or three other students. Due dates for the initial post and the response posts are midweek (Friday, 11:59pm CST) and the end of the week (Monday, 11:59pm CST), respectively. Points will be deducted for late posts/responses. Review the Discussion Board grading rubric located in the **Course Resources** section of the course to know how to maximize your discussion scores.)

ASSIGNMENT #1: Background Analysis: Choose two (2) chapters from *The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament Era* and develop two (2), 2-page evaluations of those chapters. Try to choose chapters that are particularly geared to the background of the Gospel of John.

ASSIGNMENT #2: Miracles of Christ: There are seven (7) recorded miracles or signs in the Gospel of John. Choose any two (2) of them and write a 3-page paper on each with its background, description, results and several points of application to the student and the Christian community today.

ASSIGNMENT #3: Interviews with Jesus: There are twenty-two (22) recorded interviews with Jesus in the Gospel of John. These are interviews, like Jesus and Nicodemus, Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, Jesus and Pilate, and Jesus and Peter, etc. Choose any two (2) of the assigned interviews and write a 2-page paper.

ASSIGNMENT #4: Biblical and Doctrinal Project: Compose a 10-page presentation of a particular passage or set of passages in the Gospel of John using word studies, points of interpretation, and points of application to the student and the Christian community (see “How to Write a Good Bible Paper” in the **Course Resources** folder). Whatever format is used the length should be equivalent to a ten-page paper.

Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

Reading & Discussion Board Posting	10%
Assignment #1: Background Analysis 1	5%
Assignment #1: Background Analysis 2	5%
Assignment #2: Miracle of Christ Paper 1	10%
Assignment #2: Miracle of Christ Paper 2	10%
Assignment #3: Interview with Jesus Paper 1	10%
Assignment #3: Interview with Jesus Paper 2	10%
Assignment #4: Biblical and Doctrinal Study	40%
	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
A	96% or higher	C	73 - 76.9%
A-	90 - 95.9%	C-	70 - 72.9%
B+	87 - 89.9%	D+	67 - 69.9%
B	83 - 86.9%	D	63 - 66.9%
B-	80 - 82.9%	D-	60 - 62.9%
C+	77 - 79.9%	F	Below 60%

Course Resources

Online students have access to Moody’s Crowell Library. Though students may wish to check out books via inter-library loan, the online database has a number of articles and reviews available for download. You can access the online databases by logging into your account at my.moody.edu. A special section has been created by the library staff especially for Moody Distance Learning students at <http://libguides.moody.edu/distancelearning/>.

In addition to the resources available at the Crowell Library, you may wish to visit <http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk> or www.bible.org. These sites contain content on various topics written by competent biblical scholars. It is also suggested that you download a free version of the NET Bible at bible.org.

The final resource that deserves mention here is iTunes University. Apple has developed a platform for colleges and universities to post audio and video content. There are a number of lectures available on iTunes U. Various schools such as Dallas Theological Seminary, Seattle Pacific University, Duke, and Yale have posted content related to biblical and theological studies.

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Online Library Resources

[To browse all resources, go to <http://libguides.moody.edu/distancelearning/>]

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