



**Seminari Theoloji Malaysia**  
**Exegesis of the Gospel of Mark**  
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## **Course Description and Objectives**

The primary goals of the course are for the student to become acquainted with the following:

- a. To build upon the earlier courses on New Testament Survey/Introduction and Biblical Interpretation
- b. To develop the student's skills in the interpretation of the Gospels and to cultivate sound methods in exegesis.
- c. To familiarize the student with various resources for doing biblical studies including primary sources, secondary literature and online resources.
- d. To serve as an entrée into scholarly questions relating to the Synoptic Gospels in general.
- e. To examine the message and life of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark in particular and their relevance for today.
- f. To appreciate the distinctiveness of the Gospel of Mark in comparison with the other Gospels and its relevance for today.

Because the course will place much emphasis on the need to examine details in the light of the whole Gospel of Mark, it is imperative that we become familiar with the contents of the book as early as possible. Students are encouraged to read the entire Gospel of Mark at least twice before the beginning of the course.

Since the lectures cannot cover the whole book, students are expected to complement them through careful reading of the textbook and other commentaries on the Gospel of Mark as highlighted in the bibliography.

## **Course Requirements**

### ***1. Required Text***

Choose one of the following:

- James R Edwards. *The Gospel according to Mark*. Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.
- Robert Stein. *Mark*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008.
- Andreas J. Kostenberger. *A Theology of Mark's Gospel: Good News about Jesus the Messiah*. Biblical Theology of the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015

### ***2. Paper/Examination***

- i. Exegesis Paper (60%)

Write an exegesis paper of approximately 2,500 words on any passage in the Gospel of Mark. Attached to the paper should be an additional 1-2 page outline of a Bible study or expository sermon. Please consult the instructor concerning your passage before you begin work. Students are expected to demonstrate familiarity with the Greek text. Further details of the paper will be given in the class.

- ii. Sustain a final exam (40%)

Please note that the final date for submission of the paper April 29, 2016, Friday 4.00pm. NO EXTENSION IS ALLOWED. Any delay in the submission of the paper will automatically attract a grade penalty.

Please also note the severity of the crime of plagiarism

### **Proposed Course Content/Schedule**

The class will meet every Thursday as follows.

Jan 14	Public Holiday – no lecture
Jan 21	- Introduction to the Study of the Gospels. - Overview of the Gospel of Mark
Jan 28	- Mark 1 - The Beginning of the Ministry of Jesus (especially 1:1-15; 21-28; 40-45)
Feb 4	- Mark 2:1-3:12 – The Conflict with Authorities
Feb 11	CNY break
Feb 18	- Mark 3:13-4:34 – Jesus’ Teaching on the Coming of the Kingdom; The Parables of the Kingdom (especially 3:20-30; 4:1-34)
Feb 25	- Mark 4:35-6:56 – Jesus the Miracle Worker; Jesus the “I AM” (especially 4:35-6:6a; 6:31-53)
March 3	- Mark 4:35-6:56 – Jesus the Miracle Worker; Jesus the “I AM” (especially 4:35-6:6a; 6:31-53) - continued
March 10	- Mark 7:1-8:26 – Jesus and the Law; Healing the Outcasts; The Danger of Unbelief (especially 7:1-23; 24-37; 8:11-21)
March 17	Reading week – no lecture
March 24	- Mark 8:27-10:31 – The Demands of Discipleship (especially 8:27-9:13; 9:33-50; 10:17-45)
March 31	- Mark 8:27-10:31 – The Demands of Discipleship (especially 8:27-9:13; 9:33-50; 10:17-45) - continued
Apr 7	- Mark 11-13 – The Triumphal Entry; The Olivet Discourse (especially 11:1-26; 12:35-40; 13:1-31)
Apr 14	- Mark 14-15 – The Passion, Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (especially 14:12-15:39)
Apr 21	- Mark 16:1-8 - The Resurrection of Jesus; The Ending of Mark.
Apr 28	- Preaching the Gospel of Mark

### **Select Bibliography: Commentaries & Monographs on Mark**

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