

Course Schedule

Week	Module	Readings and Other Assigned Material	Activities and Assessments	End/Due Date	Weight (%)
Week 1	Module 1: Introduction to the Study of Jesus and First Century Palestine	- Sanders: Ch. 1–3	Introduce Yourself	Friday, May 9, 2025 at 11:59 PM	Ungraded
Week 2	Module 2: Introduction to Gospels and the Gospel of Mark	- Bible: Gospel of Mark - Tatum: 55–61 - Sanders: Ch. 6	Discussion #1: Initial Post (Discussion Posts)	Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
			Discussion #1: Follow-up post (Discussion Posts)	Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 11:59 PM	1%
Week 3	Module 3: Matthew and Luke	- Bible: Gospel of Matthew (esp. Ch. 1–2) - Bible: Gospel of Luke (esp. Ch. 1–2) - Tatum: Ch. 3 (pp. 61–71) and Ch. 7 (pp. 151–156)	Quiz 1: Quizzes	Begins: Friday, May 23, 2025 at 12:01 AM Ends: Sunday, May 25, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
Week 4	Module 4: Tools—The Synoptic Problem and the Criteria of Authenticity	- Goodacre, M. (2001) (Ch. 1) (Course Reserve)	Discussion #2: Initial post (Discussion Posts)	Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
			Discussion #2: Follow-up post (Discussion Posts)	Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 11:59 PM	1%

Week 5	Module 5: The Gospel of John, the Gospel of Thomas, and Josephus	- Bible: Gospel of John - The Gospel of Thomas (PDF) - Tatum: 71–78 - Sanders: 49–56 - RS 235: Critical Analysis (Workshop)	Quiz 2: Quizzes	Begins: Friday, June 6, 2025 at 12:01 AM Ends: Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
Week 6	Module 6: Healings and Exorcisms	- Tatum, Ch. 12 (pp. 206–217)	Class Check-ins 1: (for Comparative Analysis)	Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Bonus 1%
			Discussion #3: Initial post (Discussion Posts)	Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
			Discussion #3: Follow-up post (Discussion Posts)	Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM	1%
Week 7	Module 7: The Kingdom of God	- Sanders, Ch. 8 - Crossan, Ch. 3: “A Kingdom of Nuisances and Nobodies” (Course Reserve)	Comparative Analysis	Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 11:59 PM	5+15%
			Quiz 3: Quizzes	Begins: Friday, June 20, 2025 at 12:01 AM Ends: Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
Week 8	Module 8: Parables	- Tatum, Ch. 11 (pp. 192–205)	Discussion #4: Initial post (Discussion Posts)	Thursday, July 3, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%

			Discussion #4: Follow-up post (Discussion Posts)	Sunday, July 6, 2025 at 11:59 PM	1%
Week 9	Module 9: Titles and Tensions	- Tatum, Ch. 8 (pp. 157-168) - Sanders, Ch. 14 (pp. 151–156)	Class Check-ins 2: (Parable Analysis)	Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Bonus 1%
Week 10	Module 10: Execution & Resurrection	- Sanders, Ch. 17 - Bockmuehl, Ch. 4 (Course Reserve)	Parable Analysis	Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM	15%
			Quiz 4: Quizzes	Begins: Friday, July 18, 2025 at 12:01 AM Ends: Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
Week 11	Module 11: Jesus' Legacy in the Christian Tradition	- Borg, Ch. 1 (Course Reserve)			
Week 12	Module 12: Jesus' Legacy in Judaism and Islam	- none	Class Check-ins 3: (Final Examination)	Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Bonus 1%
			Discussion #5: Initial post (Discussion Posts)	Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
			Discussion #5: Follow-up post (Discussion Posts)	Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 11:59 PM	1%

			Quiz 5: Quizzes	Begins: Friday, August 1, 2025 at 12:01 AM Ends: Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 11:59 PM	3%
Final Exam Quiz			Begins: Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 12:01 AM	Ends: Sunday, August 17, 2025 at 11:59 PM	30%