

Faculty of Theology



THEO1222 New Testament: the Synoptic Gospels

[60h] 4 credits

This two-yearly course is taught in 2006-2007, 2008-2009,...

This course is taught in the 1st and 2nd semester

Teacher(s): Camille Focant
Language: French
Level: First cycle

Aims

By the end of that course, the student should be able to:

- undertake a critical analysis of the synoptic gospels based on general knowledge of this literature;
- set out the different theologies of each gospel;
- take account of the pragmatic aspect of reading (relation between the text and the reader).

Main themes

To meet these objectives, the course covers the following :

- thorough reading of synoptic gospel texts with particular attention to the Passion and Resurrection texts;
- comparative reading of the three synoptics in order to highlight the narrative art and the intentions (particularly theological) of each evangelist, without neglecting the pragmatic aspect of reading (relation between the text and the reader).

Content and teaching methods

The main theme will be a comparative reading of the synoptic texts related to the passion and resurrection of Jesus. Supervised exercises will be organised on the continuous reading of a whole Gospel. Students will be guided in the discovery of one of the Infancy narratives by a reading list.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Prerequisite: "Introduction to the Bible" (units: New Testament, introduction to the tools, theology of the Holy Scripture) (THEO 1110A and C).