



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE

**JB314**

**JESUS: HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY**

This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.

<b>Unit code</b>	JB314	
<b>Unit name</b>	Jesus: His Life and Ministry	
<b>Associated higher education awards</b>	Bachelor of Ministry	
<b>Duration</b>	One semester	
<b>Level</b>	Advanced	
<b>Unit coordinator</b>	Dr Sam Hey	
<b>Core/elective</b>	Elective	
<b>Weighting</b>	Unit credit points: 10cp	Total course credit points: Bachelor of Ministry 240cp
<b>Student workload</b>	<b>Face-to-face on-site</b>	<b>External</b>
	Timetabled hours: 39	Directed study hours: 39
	Readings and study hours: 51	Readings and study hours: 51
	Assignment preparation hours: 60	Assignment preparation hours: 60
	Total hours per unit: 150	Total hours per unit: 150
Students requiring additional English language support are expected to undertake an additional one hour per week		
<b>Delivery mode</b>	Face to Face on site External	
<b>Pre-requisites/ co-requisites/ restrictions</b>	Prerequisites: Nil Co-requisites: Nil Restrictions: Nil	
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>Jesus is the central person in the Christian faith. His life and ministry occupies an essential place in Christian theology, history and ministry practice and is therefore of continued value in the formation of a student's life and ministry.</p> <p>This unit focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus including His character, relationships, teachings and ministry practice as found in the Gospel texts, and the different strategies of interpretations used by a range of scholars regarding these texts. It is designed to enable students to develop knowledge and critical skills that will help them to understand the life and teachings of Jesus more fully, and evaluate the contexts of biblical exegesis in ways that can be applied to ministry practice.</p>	
<b>Prescribed text(s)</b>	<p>Blomberg, CL 2009, <i>Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey</i>, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn, Broadman &amp; Holman, Nashville, TN.</p> <p>Green, JB (gen. ed.), Brown, JK &amp; Perrin, N (ass. eds.) 2013, <i>Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels</i>, 2<sup>nd</sup> edn, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL.</p>	

<p><b>Recommended readings</b></p>	<p>Allison, DC 2009, <i>The Historical Jesus and the Theological Jesus</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Barnett, P 2009, <i>Finding the Historical Christ</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Bauckham, R 2006, <i>Jesus and the Eyewitnesses: The Gospels as Eyewitness Testimony</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Beilby, JK &amp; Eddy, PR (eds.) 2009, <i>The Historical Jesus: Five Views</i>, InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL.</p> <p>Bock, DL &amp; Webb, RL (eds.) 2010, <i>Key Events in the Life of the Historical Jesus: A Collaborative Exploration of Context and Coherence</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Charlesworth, JH &amp; Pokorný, P (eds.) 2014, <i>Jesus Research</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Chilton, B 2010, <i>The Way of Jesus: To Repair and Renew the World</i>, Abingdon, Nashville, TN.</p> <p>Evans, CA (ed.) 2008, <i>Encyclopedia of the Historical Jesus</i>, Routledge, New York, NY.</p> <p>Keener, CS 2009, <i>The Historical Jesus of the Gospels</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Linden, WM 2008, <i>The Historical Jesus for Beginners: A Primer on Contemporary Biblical Scholarship</i>, Wipf &amp; Stock, Eugene, OR.</p> <p>Strauss, ML 2007, <i>Four Portraits, One Jesus: An introduction to Jesus and the Gospels</i>, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>In addition to the resources above, students should have access to a Bible, preferably a modern translation such as <i>The Holy Bible: New King James Version (NKJV)</i>.</p> <p>This translation and many others may be accessed free on-line at <a href="http://www.biblegateway.com">http://www.biblegateway.com</a>. The Bible app from LifeChurch.tv is also available free for smart phones and tablet devices.</p>
<p><b>Specialist resources requirements</b></p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Content</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The study of Jesus and His ministry – background contexts</li> <li>2. Jesus – names, titles, and character</li> <li>3. Jesus’ self understanding, nature and relationships</li> <li>4. Jesus in the gospels</li> <li>5. Jesus as communicator and teacher</li> <li>6. Jesus and the Kingdom of God</li> <li>7. Jesus and miracles</li> <li>8. Jesus – parables, stories and teaching themes</li> <li>9. Jesus’ transformational ethics</li> <li>10. Jesus and discipleship</li> <li>11. Jesus’ passion and death</li> <li>12. Jesus’ resurrection and ascension</li> <li>13. The application of Jesus’ life and ministry to cotemporary ministry practice</li> </ol>

<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>On completion of this unit, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Articulate a coherent hermeneutical framework for understanding and interpreting the life and ministry of Jesus from the Gospels;</li> <li>2. Analyse characteristics of Jesus' life and nature and relate these to their own life;</li> <li>3. Critically examine Jesus' ministry as portrayed in the Gospels and critically reflect on their significance for ministry practice;</li> <li>4. Explore and critically analyse a range of scholarly views on the life and teachings of Jesus;</li> <li>5. Exegete selected key passages in the Gospels relating to the life and teachings of Jesus using recognised scholarly approaches and methods; and</li> <li>6. Communicate at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation.</li> </ol>
<b>Assessment tasks</b>	<p><b>Task 1: Exegesis</b></p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 2,000 words</p> <p>Weighting: 40%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1, 4-6</p> <p>Assessed: Week 7</p> <p><b>Task 2: Critical examination and reflection paper</b></p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 3,000 words</p> <p>Weighting: 60%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1-6</p> <p>Assessed: Week 13</p>
<b>Unit summary</b>	<p>This unit provides an opportunity for students to engage with knowledge concerning Jesus as a person and as a minister at an advanced level. It further develops knowledge of the Bible and theology, particularly from an Evangelical and Charismatic perspective. By critically examining the life and ministry of Jesus, the unit contributes strongly to the student's personal formation for ministry practice.</p>