UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2010
Instructor: Mr. John L. Fortner
Course #: THEO 2100
Section: 101 and 102
Course Title: New Testament Overview

Description:

A survey of the writings of the New Testament focusing on the Gospels, Acts, and Paul’s letters. We will learn to contextualize these writings within their historical, social, literary, and theological settings. We will also investigate how later communities and individuals have interpreted and applied these texts (i.e., the history of interpretation or the reception history of the NT) as a means of thinking through how these texts might be heard and applied anew in our own time and contexts.

Required texts:

- Bible: preferably a scholarly translation (RSV, NRSV, NAB, NJB) with the apocrypha. I will primarily use the NRSV. Please bring your copy to every class.
- We will also use various articles from Bruce M. Metzger and Michael D. Coogan, eds., *The Oxford Companion to the Bible* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993). Articles from this book can be accessed through Marquette’s library website: http://libus.csd.mu.edu/record=b1730008~S1
- Other readings (articles, handouts, and website links) will be given in class or made available on D2L as necessary.