

The Sermon on the Mount (NTEN5322)

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

New Testament Department, Biblical Studies Division

Jimmy Dukes, Distinguished Professor of NT and Greek

MAY WORKSHOP, Wednesday – Friday, May 23-25, 2018

Cell Phone 504-458-9185

E-mail: jdukes@nobts.edu

Teaching Assistant: David Justice

E-mail: justida@gmail.com

NOBTS MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

COURSE PURPOSE, CORE VALUE FOCUS, AND CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES:

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. These values shape both the context and manner in which all curricula are taught, with “doctrinal integrity” and “academic excellence” especially highlighted in this course. The seminary is emphasizing the core value of academic excellence this year and encourages all at the seminary to focus especially on this emphasis.

NOBTS has seven basic competencies guiding our Masters degree programs: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual & Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. This course addresses the “Biblical Exposition” competency by helping the student learn to interpret the Bible accurately.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

These offerings consist of a thorough study of selected New Testament books or passages through verse-by-verse and paragraph-by-paragraph analysis, comparison of various English versions, consideration of pertinent historical and cultural issues, and consultation with major literature and commentaries. The course emphasizes proper methods for discovering the meaning of a text and applying it in teaching and preaching. Students may repeat this course if the individual biblical books or passages being studied are not duplicated. Prerequisites: BSHM5310 Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics and NTEN5300 Exploring the New Testament.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The objectives of this course include the following:

1. Students should gain an increased appreciation for the relevance of the exegetical study of the Sermon on the Mount.
2. Students should acquire the ability to apply their understanding of the context and text of the Sermon on the mount to a sound interpretation and communication of the text

COURSE TEACHING METHODS:

This course will be taught via a combination of pedagogical methods, including but not limited to the following: lectures, student assignments, book reviews, and student presentations. Both inductive and deductive approaches to learning will be utilized.

TEXTBOOKS:

1. The primary text for the course will be the English text of the Sermon on the Mount in **two** modern translations of the New Testament.
2. John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*
3. D.A. Carson, *Jesus' Sermon on the Mount: And His Confrontation with the World*
4. The Cost of Discipleship (SCM Classics) by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
5. Other tools will be introduced during the course and you will have the opportunity to purchase them as desired.

CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS:

Schedule:

- Wednesday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 - 1:00-2:00: Intro including 5:1-2
 - 2:00-4:00: 5:3-26
- Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM,
 - 9:00-12:00: 5:27-6:4
 - 1:00-5:00: 6:5-34
- Friday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM,
 - 8:00-12:00: 7:1-29

Assignments:

1. **Reading Assignment:** the sections of the three books that correspond to the text assignments in the schedule below by the beginning of the classes when the texts are covered.
2. **Writing Assignment:**
 - a. A book review on each of the two textbooks. The reviews should include the following: 1) A bibliographic entry for the book; 2) A statement of having read the book; 3) a paragraph about the author of the book; 4) a two-paragraph summary of the book's content and approach; and 5) your reaction to the book about its value for understanding the Sermon on the Mount. The reviews are due via email to the professor at jdukes@nobts.edu on Monday, June 4, at midnight. The total length should be 2-4 pages per book, double-spaced. (20% per book).
 - b. Write your reaction to the section of the Bonhoeffer book that covers the Sermon on the Mount.(10%).
 - c. Each student will prepare an exegetical paper on one passage selected from the list below. The paper topic must be approved by the professor **before the class**

begins. The paper should be a formal research paper about 12 to 15 pages double-spaced in length and Turabian in form and style. The due date for this paper is Monday, June 18, at midnight (40%).

Paper Assignments to Choose from:

1. 5:3-12
2. 5:13-20
3. 5:21-26
4. 5:27-32
5. 5:33-42
6. 5:43-6:4
7. 6:5-15
8. 6:16-24
9. 6:25-34
10. 1:1-11
11. 7:12-23

COURSE EVALUATION:

Participation: 10%
 Book Reviews: 40% (20% each)
 Reaction to Bonhoeffer on the Sermon: 10%
 Exegetical Paper: 40%

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

- Allison, Dale. *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1999)
 Arnold, Eberhard, *Salt and Light*, 1967
 Augustinus, *The Preaching of Augustine; "Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount,"* 1973
 Barclay, William, *The Old Law & the New Law*, 1972
 Bauman, Clarence, *The Sermon on the Mount: the Modern Quest for Its Meaning*, 1985
 Betz, Hans Dieter. *The Sermon on the Mount: A Commentary on the Sermon on the Mount, Including the Sermon on the Plain (Hermeneia)*, 1995
 Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, *The Cost of Discipleship*, 1960
 Brooks, Oscar Stephen, *The Sermon on the Mount: Authentic Human Values*, 1985
 Carson, D. A., *Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and His Confrontation with the World*, 2004
 Carter, Warren. *What are they Saying About Matthew's Sermon on the Mount?*, 1994
 Chrysostom, *The Preaching of Chrysostom: Homilies on the Sermon on the Mt*, 1967
 Davenport, Gene, *Into the Darkness: Discipleship in the Sermon on the Mount*, 1988
 Davies, William David, *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1966
 Davies William David, *The Setting of the Sermon on the Mount*, 1964
 Dibelius, Martin, *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1940
 Driver, John, *Kingdom Citizens*, 1980
 Friedlander, G., *The Jewish Sources of The Sermon on the Mount*, 1969
 Guelich, Robert A., *The Sermon on the Mount: A Foundation for Understanding*, 1982
 Hughes, Kent. *The Sermon on the Mount: The Message of the Kingdom*, 2001

- Hunter, Archibald, *A Pattern For Life*, 1965
- Jeremias, Joachim, *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1963
- Jordan, Clarence, *Sermon on the Mount*, 1970
- Kissinger, Warren, *The Sermon on the Mount; A History of Interpretation*, 1975
- Lambrecht, Jan, *The Sermon on the Mount: Proclamation and Exhortation*, 1985
- Lamsa, George Mamishisho, *The Kingdom of Earth*, 1966
- Luther, Martin, *The Place of Trust*, 1983
- Massey, I. A., *Interpreting the Sermon on the Mount, In the Light of Jewish Tradition as Evidenced In The Palestinian Targums of the Pentateuch*, 1991
- Miller, John, *The Christian Way: A Guide to the Christian Life Based on the SM*, 1969
- Palmer, Earl, *The Enormous Exception: Meeting Christ in the Sermon on the Mt*, 1986
- Parker, Hankins, *Earth's Greatest Sermon: A Practical Application of the SM*, 1973
- Phillips, John, *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1965
- Pinson, Ernest, *Some Revolutionary Teachings of Jesus In the Sermon on the Mount*
- Scaer, David. *The Sermon on the Mt: The Church's First Statement of the Gospel*, 2000
- Stasson, Glen, & David Gushee, *Kingdom Ethics: Following Jesus in Contemporary Context*, 2003
- Stott, J.R., *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount (Christian Counter-Culture)*, 1985
- Strecker, George, *The Sermon on the Mount: An Exegetical Commentary*, 1988
- Talbert, Charles H. *Reading The Sermon on the Mount: Character Formation and Decision Making in Matthew 5-7*, 2004
- Thielicke, Helmut, *Life Can Begin Again: Sermons on the Sermon on the Mount*, 1963
- Vaught, Carl, *The Sermon on the Mount: A Theological Interpretation*, 1986
- Weakley, Clare, *Happiness Unlimited: John Wesley's Commentary on the SM*, 1979
- Weakley, Clare, *The Nature of the Kingdom: Wesley's Messages on the SM*, 1986
- Wierzbicka, Anna. *What Did Jesus Mean?: Explaining the Sermon on the Mount and the Parables in Simple and Universal Human Concepts*, 2001