

**I. Instructor:** Dr. Hahn; Egan 255; Office Hrs: T 1:30-2:15; 3:30-4:30; Ph: 284-5321; shahn@franciscan.edu

**II. Course Objective:** The course introduces students to the literary, historical and theological study of the New Testament. First, we treat the main interpretive principles for studying sacred Scripture in the Catholic tradition (inspiration; literary sense, historical truth; theological meaning; historical criticism; spiritual exegesis). Second, we apply these principles to select portions of the New Testament (Matthew, Luke-Acts, John-Revelation, Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Ephesians; Hebrews; Revelation), by studying how the NT writers see the fulfillment of God's plan in the person and work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, with special emphasis on the NT use and fulfillment of the OT, and how the Kingdom relates to the Church, and the sacramental and moral life.

**III. Course Outline:**

- A. Introduction: inspiration; interpretation; inerrancy; 3 theological criteria; canonical & historical criticism
  - 1. Literary sense, historical truth, theological meaning; spiritual senses: allegorical/moral/anagogical (CCC 117)
- B. New Testament Books: Gospels, Acts, Epistles & Apocalypse (Christ's fulfillment of the OT in the NT)
  - 1. Gospel of kingdom (Mt, Lk, Jn); Church and Sacramental life in Christ and the Spirit (Acts, Rom, Heb, Rev)

**IV. Required Texts:** Bible (RSVCE); *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; *Dei Verbum*; [www.scotthahn.com/pbs](http://www.scotthahn.com/pbs)

- E.L. Towns & B. Gutierrez (eds.), *The Essence of the New Testament: A Survey* (Broadman & Holman, 2012)
- S. Hahn & C. Mitch, *Ignatius Study Bible: The New Testament* (Ignatius, 2010).
- S. Hahn (ed.), *Catholic Bible Dictionary* (New York: Doubleday, 2009)
- S. Hahn, *Consuming the Word: The New Testament and the Eucharist in the Early Church* (Doubleday, 2013)
- \_\_\_\_\_, *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth* (New York: Doubleday, 1999)
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Hail, Holy Queen: The Mother of God in the Word of God* (Doubleday, 2006)

**V. Course Requirements** (more than 2 unexcused absences and late work penalized, 5 points per day)

- Attendance and Participation: Reading assignments on-time; reading log due last class of month (titles & totals)
- Two Exams: Midterm (3/5) & Final (5/1) objective (matching, multiple choice, true-false) & short essays (66%)
- Paper: *The Paschal Mystery* (eucharist, death, resurrection) / other approved topic (BVM) (10 pp; due 4/23) (33%)
- Grading Scale: 93-100(A) 90-92(A-) / 88-89(B+) 83-87(B) 80-82(B-) / 78-79(C+) 73-77(C) 70-72(C-) etc
- Extra Credit Reading: approved titles (see below); due by last class; 3 steps: underline leading ideas; summarize main pts in side margin, comments & questions on page bottom (see M. Adler, *How to Read a Book*)

**VI. Recommended Readings:**

- R. Bauckham, *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses: The Gospels as Eyewitnesses* (Eerdmans, 2006)
- Markus Bockmuehl, *Seeing the Word: Refocusing New Testament Study* (Baker Academic, 2006)
- Pope Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism to the Transfiguration* (New York: Doubleday, 2007)
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week* (Doubleday, 2011).
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives* (Doubleday, 2012)
- C. Blomberg, *The Historical Reliability of the New Testament* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (InterVarsity, 2007)
- Michael Bird, *The Gospel of the Lord: How the Early Church Wrote the Story of Jesus* (Eerdmans, 2014)
- \_\_\_\_\_, *How God Became Jesus: A Response to Bart D. Ehrman* (Zondervan, 2014)
- M. Bockmuehl, *Seeing the Word: Refocusing New Testament Study* (Baker, 2006).
- F. X. Durrwell, *The Resurrection: A Biblical Study* (Sheed & Ward, 1999)
- A. Feuillet, *The Priesthood of Christ and His Ministers* (Doubleday, 1975)
- S. Hahn, *Covenant and Communion: The Biblical Theology of Pope Benedict XVI* (Baker, 2009)
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changed Everything (And Still Does)* (Doubleday, 2014)
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Letter and Spirit: From Written Text to Living Word in the Liturgy* (Doubleday, 2005)
- Aidan Nichols, OP, *Lovely Like Jerusalem: The Fulfillment of the OT in Christ and the Church* (Ignatius, 2007)
- Brant Pitre, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper* (Image, 2011)
- \_\_\_\_\_, *Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told* (Image, 2014)
- N.T. Wright, *The New Testament and the People of God* (Fortress, 1992)