Overview

The course will concentrate on an intensive investigation of the gospel of Luke. We will emphasize both the narrative shape of Luke’s gospel and the contribution the gospel makes to our understanding of Jesus in his historical context.

Textbooks

Required

Recommended
*Luke*, Darrell Bock (2 vols.; *note: students who wish to substitute Bock for one of the required commentaries are welcome to do so*)
*Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*, Richard Bauckham
*Jesus and the Victory of God*, N. T. Wright
*Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, Joel Green et al, eds.

Course Requirements

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*Greek Competency Quiz*

This quiz is required of every Greek exegesis class. *You must pass this quiz to remain in the class.* The quiz will be given the second class meeting and will consist of a translation passage from the New Testament with parsing and grammar questions.

*The Theme Paper*

In 4-5 pages, you will be asked to trace a major theme through Luke’s gospel. You will graded on your clarity of thought and expression; your attention to detail; and your ability to give a coherent account of the theme in the gospel. This is designed to encourage an overarching understanding of the gospel, and thus the use of a translation is appropriate. Your paper will be enhanced, of
course, by as much interaction with the Greek text as possible. While the focus should be on the Gospel of Luke, a brief (four to five sentences) reference to the theme in the book of Acts may be appropriate in some cases. You may choose from the following topics: the Holy Spirit; the role of Israel in salvation history; prayer; hospitality; the poor; the role of women; the Temple.

The Exegesis Paper

Each student is required to produce an exegesis paper of 12-15 pages (1.5 spacing, 12 point type; appendix accepted for charts, diagrams, illustrations, etc.) based on a portion of the Greek text of Luke. You may choose a passage from anywhere in the book. Generally the passage should range from 6-12 verses, but there may be exceptions. This is meant to be an intensive exploration of the Greek text, and as such it should display the full range of exegetical skills developed in Interpreting the New Testament. The format should be a brief introduction followed by a verse-by-verse discussion in the style of the Harper’s New Testament Commentary series. Your interaction with the Greek text, however, should often be more detailed than in the Harper’s commentary. Please note that I only want material relevant to the exegesis of your passage. General background issues such as date, authorship, etc. should only be introduced if they are directly relevant to the passage at hand. You may cordon off some material into an excursus if it is so bulky that it would disrupt the flow of the verse by verse treatment (e.g. you may have a one or two page excursus on the role of priests in second temple Judaism if you are exegeting a text concerned with John the Baptist’s father Zechariah).

Translation

You are required to translate the following chapters of the gospel of Luke: 1-7, 10, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21-24. At the end of the term you should attach a signed statement attesting the percentage of translation done.

NOTE: If you wish to receive papers or quizzes back, you must include your box number on them. Material without box numbers will be retained in my office.

Schedule (subject to adjustment)

Sept 14

Introduction

Sept 16

Infancy Narratives

Translate chapters 1 and 2

Sept 18

Infancy Narratives

Translate chapters 1 and 2
Sept 23
John the Baptist
Translate Chapter 3

Sept 25
Temptation
Translate chapter 4

Sept 30
Early Ministry in Galilee
Translate chapter 4

Oct 2
Early Ministry in Galilee
Translate chapters 3 and 4

Oct 7
Calling Disciples
Translate chapter 5

Oct 9
The Sermon on the Plain
Translate chapter 6

Oct 21
The Sermon on the Plain
Translate chapter 6

Oct 23
Healing Centurion’s Servant
Translate chapter 7

Oct 28
Mission of 70
Good Samaritan
Martha and Mary
Translate chapter 10

Oct 30
Lost and Found
Translate chapters 15

Nov 4
Rich Man and Lazarus
Translate chapter 16
Nov 6
  *Importunate Widow, Pharisee and Publican*
  *Rich Young Ruler*
  
  *Translate chapter 18*

Nov 18
  *Triumphant Entry and Action in Temple*
  
  *Translate chapters 19 and 21*

Nov 20
  *Apocalyptic Discourse*
  
  *Translate chapter 21*

Nov 25
  *Last Supper, Arrest, Crucifixion*
  
  *Translate chapters 22, 23*

Dec 2
  *Resurrection*
  
  *Translate chapter 22, 23, and 24*