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 first 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 will note on the final exam the percentage of translation completed.

Final Exam

The final exam will consist of a translation passage and several short answer questions drawn from the lectures.

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

Schedule (subject to adjustment)

Sept 12
Introduction
Infancy Narratives

Translate chapters 1 and 2
Sept 19
  *John the Baptist*  
  *Temptation*  
  Translate Chapter 3
  Translate chapter 4

Oct 3
  *Early Ministry in Galilee*  
  Translate chapter 4

Oct 10
  Reading Week: Students are to work on translation and reading

Oct 17
  *Calling Disciples*  
  Translate chapter 5

Oct 24
  *The Sermon on the Plain*  
  Translate chapter 6
  *Healing Centurion’s Servant*  
  Translate chapter 7

Oct 31
  *Mission of 70*  
  *Good Samaritan*  
  *Martha and Mary*  
  Translate chapter 10

Nov 7
  Reading Week: Students should continue working on translation and reading

Nov 14
  *Lost and Found*  
  Translate chapters 15
  *Rich Man and Lazarus*  
  Translate chapter 16

Nov 21
  *Importunate Widow, Pharisee and Publican*  
  *Rich Young Ruler*  
  Translate chapter 18
  *Triumphant Entry and Action in Temple*  
  Translate chapters 19 and 21
Nov 28

*Apocalyptic Discourse*

*Translate chapter 21*

Dec 5

*Last Supper, Arrest, Crucifixion*

*Translate chapters 22, 23*

*Resurrection*

*Translate chapter 22, 23, and 24*

Dec 12

Final Exam