Master of Divinity & Graduate Diploma of Divinity

NT501/D
Jesus and the Gospels

Unit Guide

Semester 1, 2016

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(www.malyon.edu.au)

At Malyon we recognise that the world is changing. These are times of great challenge and
opportunity. Our commitment is to raising up a generation of influential Christians who
have a strong biblical base, skills in leadership and ministry, and a heart for God.

We have been training Christian leaders for over 100 years, and we've learnt a few things
about theological training. Our graduates are serving all over the world as pastors, cross-
cultural workers, workplace leaders, chaplains, church leaders and theological faculty.

Malyon offers full-time and part-time study options through lecture, intensive and distance
modes. We have excellent resources for students including a large library, wireless internet
and 24 hour access to the campus. All our awards are accredited through the Australian
College of Theology.

The Australian College of Theology
(www.actheology.edu.au)

The ACT was established under the auspices of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in 1891.
The ACT is a company limited by guarantee governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. The Anglican
Primate of Australia presides as the chairman of meetings of the company which consists of 54 persons (in
2010). The ACT is an Australasian provider of state accredited higher education courses leading to awards in
theology and other disciplines related to Christian ministry. The ACT operates as an ecumenical consortium of
some 2,500 students enrolled in 19 Bible and theological colleges approved to teach the awards of the ACT.
These awards range from two-year diplomas, three-year undergraduate and coursework masters degrees to
masters and doctoral research degrees.

The ACT has a centrally devised and managed curriculum and a quality assurance process that are applied
across the whole network of affiliated colleges. The day-to-day educational system is managed by the Dean
from the ACT office in Sydney. Academic governance is the responsibility of the Academic Board which
oversees all academic activities of the College. The standing committees of the Academic Board share this
responsibility by monitoring the quality of delivery and resourcing, developing policy, and reviewing the course
structure for research, coursework and diploma courses. The membership of the Academic Board and its
committees is comprised mostly of faculty members of affiliated colleges. A number of senior university
academics are represented to help ensure that ACT practice (especially in the outcome of the consideration of
research examiner’s reports and general academic policy) remains comparable with the standards of and best
practice in the university sector.

As a HEP under the Higher Education Support Act, the College was required to undergo a quality audit
conducted by the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA). The AUQA Audit Report was publicly released
on the AUQA website in February 2007.

In 2010 the company consists of 54 members composed in the following way:
(1) the Anglican Primate of Australian and the Dean of the ACT,
(2) the principals of 10 Anglican Theological Colleges,
(3) 21 persons elected by the House of Bishops of the General Synod,
(4) the principals of 11 affiliated colleges approved to deliver the research degrees of the ACT,
(5) 5 graduates holding an ACT research degree,
(6) 5 graduates holding any other degree of the ACT.
Unit Details

Unit Description

The purpose of the unit is to enable students to gain an understanding of Jesus Christ as presented in the New Testament Gospels.

The aim of the unit is to develop with particular reference to one or more of the gospels a critical understanding of Jesus Christ based on a study of:

a. The context of his life and ministry
b. The distinctiveness and interrelatedness of the four Gospels
c. His identity and life
d. His message and ministry
e. The contemporary significance for life and ministry.

Credit Points

This unit is valued at 4 credit points.

Co and Pre-Requisites

None.

Exclusions

None.
### Learning Outcomes

At the end of this unit students should be able to:

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<td>2. The life and ministry of Jesus</td>
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<th>B. Skills</th>
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<td>1. Explain the influence of the historical, socio-cultural, religious and political setting of first-century Palestine as the context of Jesus’ life and ministry</td>
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<td>2. Analyse the distinctive features of the four gospels and the interrelationships between them</td>
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<th>C. Application</th>
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<td>1. Integrate perspectives from ‘Jesus and the Gospels’ with their other theological studies</td>
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<td>2. Apply perspectives from ‘Jesus and the Gospels’ to current issues in Christian life and thought.</td>
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### Unit Content

The content of the unit focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus, with special reference to the following:

a. Context and setting:
The historical, socio-cultural, religious and political setting of first century Palestine

b. One Gospel and four Gospels:
   i. A detailed study of one or more gospels
   ii. Distinctive features of the Gospels
   iii. The interrelationship of the Gospels

c. The identity and life of Jesus:
   i. The designations and titles of Jesus
   ii. The passion and resurrection narratives

d. The message and ministry of Jesus:
   i. The Kingdom of God in the proclamation of Jesus
   ii. The significance and interpretation of the parables
   iii. The ethics of Jesus, including the Sermon on the Mount
iv. The miracles of Jesus and their significance

e. Reflection (through a-d) on the significance of Jesus Christ for contemporary life and ministry.

**Workload Requirement**

A unit will generally require about 10 hours per week for lectures for contact students or home study for distance students, preparation and study, and assignment work over thirteen weeks. In addition, two study weeks are worked into each semester. Excluding the study weeks, this generally averages out as follows:

1. Contact students:
   a. Lectures – 3 hours per week;
   b. Preparation and reading – 2 hours per week;
   c. Assignments – 5 hours per week.

2. Distance students:
   a. Learning Guides & forum posts – 3 hours per week;
   b. Preparation and reading – 2 hours per week;
   c. Assignments – 5 hours per week.

*Please note: The forum posts are the distance student’s equivalent of classroom interaction. Just as class attendance is compulsory for on-campus students, forum participation is compulsory for distance students.*

It is important for students to realize that there are three **points of learning** for this unit; namely:

1. Learning Guides.
2. Readings from the textbook and other resources.
3. Personal reflection, input and study.

As such, students must ensure that they work systematically through all the material and ensure that they fully prepare for the assessment tasks. This will include the responsibility to synthesize the work read and studied in order to adequately complete the assessment tasks.
**Textbook**

Students are required to have access to the following textbook which serves both NT501 (first semester) and NT502 (second semester):


Copies are available from:
- The College Office (limited number at $40)

On-campus students will be required to complete pre-reading from the textbook before the lectures each week.

**Assessment Requirements**

The student shall complete the following assessment requirements:

1. Reflection Exercises.
2. Research Essays.

*Contact students will be expected to attend all lectures.*

*Please note: NT501 is a Masters level unit and requires students to demonstrate a higher level of knowledge and critical thinking than the Bachelor level.*
# Unit Schedule

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Rev Dr Ian Hussey is married to Lynette who is the Principal of a school for disengaged youth. They have two daughters. Between 1993 and 2010 Ian was solo/Senior Pastor of Nundah/North-East Baptist church during which time the church grew from 35 to 500 people. Ian commenced at Malyon in 2012 and is the Director of Postgraduate Studies and the Online Content Developer. He also teaches preaching, pastoral leadership and New Testament survey. Ian has degrees in science, education, theology and management and a PhD on the topic: "The engagement of newcomers in church attendance: a theological and social scientific examination of churches with high levels of converts.” He is an ordained Minister of Queensland Baptists. Prior to pastoral ministry he was a school teacher in NSW and Queensland. His interests include music, reading novels and swimming.

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Unit Assessment

Assessment Instructions

In completing assessments, students should note that:

1. The **College requirements** for the writing and submission of assignments are to be adhered to at all times, as marks will be deducted for incorrect and poor presentation. Of particular importance is that the official College title page is to be used, and that the word length be indicated.

2. The current **Assignment Writing Guide** is available to all students on the Moodle site; it should be studied by all students, both when starting out and at the beginning of each academic year as adjustments or changes may be made from time-to-time.

3. The **due date** is non-negotiable; in exceptional circumstances students are to adhere to College protocol for requesting permission for late submission. Penalties for late submission are set at 3% per day. The Assignment Writing Guide contains details of the protocols to be followed.

4. With respect to **length**, students are permitted to write at a length of 10% either side of the stated length; for example, a 1000-word assignment should be within a 900-1100 word length. Students will be penalized 1% per 100 words, or part thereof, under or over the stipulated length.

5. With respect to the **list of references**, a specific number of references will not be set; however, students should note the guidelines indicated for the specific assessment requirement. However, students should note that:
   a. Bibles (including study Bibles), basic dictionaries and devotional guides are not regarded as academic references.
   b. Electronic sources should generally not number more than half the required number of references, and should be used with caution.

6. The failure to adhere to the stipulated assessment **format** requirements will be penalized as follows:
   a. Body of assignment:
      i. 1st level – 1%
      ii. 2nd & 3rd level – 2%
   b. List of References and referencing:
      i. 1st level – 1%
      ii. 2nd & 3rd level – 2%
Graduate Diploma and Master’s students at the foundational graduate degree 500-level should note that grades are awarded on the following criteria:

Units at a foundational level introduce graduate students to the foundational features and principles of a discipline or topic. The critical and evaluative faculties of students are developed.

**Pass** – The candidate demonstrates an engagement with primary sources, has begun to grasp the foundational features of the discipline, and evidences engagement with a range of scholarly viewpoints.

**Credit** – The candidate demonstrates ability in engaging the primary sources, evidences a grasp of the foundational features of the discipline, and shows promise in the task of critically evaluating a range of scholarly viewpoints.

**Distinction** – The candidate demonstrates a pronounced ability to engage primary sources, a sound grasp of the foundational features of the discipline, and shows promise in the task of critically evaluating a range of scholarly viewpoints.

**High Distinction** – The candidate demonstrates a pronounced ability in the analysis of primary sources and in the tasks of critically evaluating and assessing empathetically a range of scholarly points of view.
**Requirement 1: Reflection Exercise 1**

“The New Testament gospels are not reliable records of the life of Jesus.” Respond to this claim with reference to oral tradition, textual criticism, ancient Greco-Roman biographies, gospel sources and canonisation.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:
1. Engagement with the Learning Guides and Textbook (and other resources).
3. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
4. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
5. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

**Length: 400 words**

**References:** Students are only required to refer to the textbook and Learning Guides in answering this question. Other sources may be referred to but are not expected.

**Due: 29 Feb by no later than 11:55pm**

**Mark allocation: 6.5%**

**Learning Outcomes addressed: A.1, A.3**

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**Requirement 2: Reflection Exercise 2**

What is the “synoptic problem”? How do you explain the relationship between the synoptic gospels?

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:
1. Engagement with the Learning Guides and Textbook (and other resources).
2. An understanding of the synoptic problem.
3. An understanding of the various solutions to the synoptic problem.
4. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
5. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
6. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

**Length: 400 words**

**References:** Students are only required to refer to the textbook and Learning Guides in answering this question. Other sources may be referred to but are not expected.

**Due: 07 Mar by no later than 11:55pm**

**Mark allocation: 6.5%**

**Learning Outcomes addressed: A.3, B.4.**
**Requirement 3: Reflection Exercise 3**

“Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum ...” (Mathew 4:13). Discuss the historical, socio-cultural, religious and political environment of Capernaum in the time of Jesus.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:

1. Engagement with the Learning Guides and Textbook (and other resources).
2. An understanding of the historical, socio-cultural, religious and political environment of Capernaum.
3. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
4. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
5. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

*Length: 400 words*

*References:* Students are only required to refer to the textbook and Learning Guides in answering this question. Other sources may be referred to but are not expected.

*Due: 14 Mar by no later than 11:55pm*

*Mark allocation: 6.5%*

*Learning Outcomes addressed: A.2, B.1*

**Requirement 4: Reflection Exercise 4**

How do you respond to questions about the authorship of the gospels? Why, or why not, is it important?

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:

1. Engagement with the Learning Guides and Textbook (and other resources).
2. An understanding of the basis for discussions of authorship of the Gospels.
3. The ability to express an informed response to the issues of Gospel authorship.
4. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
5. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
6. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

*Length: 400 words*

*References:* Students are only required to refer to the textbook and Learning Guides in answering this question. Other sources may be referred to but are not expected.

*Due: 11 Apr by no later than 11:55pm*

*Mark allocation: 6.5%*

*Learning Outcomes addressed: A.3, B.4*
**Requirement 5: Research Essay 1**

Describe the distinctive features of the Gospel of Matthew in comparison to the other gospels. What do these distinctives reveal about the intention of the author?

**Note:** The Reflection Sheets completed as part of Modules 6 and 7 must be submitted with this essay. Although compulsory they will not be assessed. The reflection sheets must be properly completed in the space provided. Include them at the end of your Research Essay so that they can be submitted on Moodle as one document.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:

1. Engagement with the Scriptures.
2. A knowledge of the distinctives of Matthew’s gospel.
3. An awareness of, and critical engagement with, scholarly viewpoints.
4. The ability to link the distinctives of the gospel to the author’s intentions.
5. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
6. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
7. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.
8. That the reflections sheets are properly and suitably completed.

*Length: 1600 words*
*References: at least 7*
*Due: 25 April by no later than 11:55pm on Moodle*
*Mark allocation: 30%*
*Learning Outcomes addressed: B.2*
**Requirement 6: Research Essay 2**

Identify four names applied to Jesus in the Gospels. How does the use of these names in each Gospel reflect the theological emphasis of each Gospel?

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:

1. Engagement with the Scriptures.
2. An understanding of the names applied to Jesus.
3. An understanding of how the use of the names of Jesus in each Gospel reflect the theological emphasis of each Gospel.
4. An awareness of, and critical engagement with, scholarly viewpoints.
5. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
6. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
7. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

*Length: 1000 words*
*References: at least 4*
*Due: 9 May by no later than 11:55pm on Moodle*
*Mark allocation: 15%*
*Learning Outcomes addressed: B.3*

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**Requirement 7: Research Essay 3**

“The life, death, resurrection, ministry and teaching of Jesus all point to the Kingdom of God.” Respond to this assertion with reference to the NT and scholarship.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:

1. Engagement with the Scriptures.
2. An understanding of the significance of the life, death, resurrection, ministry and teaching of Jesus.
3. An understanding of the relationship of the life, death, resurrection, ministry and teaching of Jesus to the Kingdom of God.
4. An awareness of, and critical engagement with, scholarly viewpoints.
5. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
6. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
7. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

*Length: 1000 words*
*References: at least 4*
*Due: 23 May by no later than 11:55pm on Moodle*
*Mark allocation: 15%*
*Learning Outcomes addressed: B.2, B.3*
**Requirement 8: Reflection Exercise 5**

Discuss one OT prophecy that the Gospels indicate has been fulfilled in Jesus.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:

1. Engagement with the Learning Guides and Textbook (and other resources).
2. An understanding of the OT passage in its original context.
3. An understanding of how the Gospel writer has used this OT passage for his own theological purposes.
4. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
5. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
6. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

**Length: 400 words**

**References:** Students are only required to refer to the textbook and Learning Guides in answering this question. Other sources may be referred to but are not expected.

**Due:** 6 Jun by no later than 11:55pm

**Mark allocation:** 6.5%

**Learning Outcomes addressed:** C.1

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**Requirement 9: Reflection Exercise 6**

Choose one aspect of the life, ministry or teaching of Jesus and discuss its implications for the contemporary Church.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

How well students demonstrate:

1. Engagement with the Learning Guides and Textbook (and other resources).
2. An understanding of the context of an aspect of the life, ministry or teaching of Jesus.
3. An understanding of how an aspect of the life, ministry or teaching of Jesus has implications for the contemporary Church.
4. The ability to write concisely and clearly.
5. The ability to synthesise diverse ideas into a coherent argument.
6. The ability to draw motivated and reasonable conclusions.

**Length: 400 words**

**References:** Students are only required to refer to the textbook and Learning Guides in answering this question. Other sources may be referred to but are not expected.

**Due:** 6 Jun by no later than 11:55pm

**Mark allocation:** 6.5%

**Learning Outcomes addressed:** c.2
## Sample Comment Assessment Sheet

### Assessment Comment Sheet

**Student:**

**Unit:** NT502/D  
**Requirement:** 1

**Title:**

**Submission on time?:** Yes  
**Correct length:** Yes

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### General Criteria

- The question or topic has been well answered ✓
- Identified and interacted with issues relevant to the topic ✓
- Well-structured argument ✓
- The assignment is well-written; i.e. grammar and spelling Yes ✓ No
- Adequately and correctly referenced Yes ✓ No

### Specific Comments:

**Date:**

**Lecturer:** Jan Hussey

**Percentage:**

**Grade:**

The final grade for the assessment item is not an average of the grades indicated above, as not all criteria are equally weighted and not all equally relevant.
# Unit Contribution to Graduate Outcomes

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<td>g. builds positive, healthy relationships and serves others</td>
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<td>b. possesses a confidence in the integrity and authority of Scripture and in its relevance in contemporary ministry</td>
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<td>a. reflects on and understands the context(s) in which the graduate ministers</td>
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<td>c. works collaboratively and effectively in a team</td>
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<td>e. is equipped to and commits to the sharing of the Gospel</td>
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**Scale:**
1. A major thrust of this unit
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3. A possible function of this unit, but not targeted
4. An unlikely product of this unit
Recommended Readings

The list below provides the learner with references that relate to the unit material and topics under consideration.

**New Testament Background**


**New Testament Introduction**


**New Testament Theology**


**New Testament Interpretation**


**The Gospels**


**Journal Articles**


Charles, J D 1992, “The greatest or the least in the kingdom? The disciple’s relationship to the law (Matt 5:17-20),” *Trinity Journal* 13, 139-162.


ACT Policies and Procedures

KEY POLICIES

Students should take note of the following ACT policies:

1. Unit Moderation Policy.
3. Academic Appeals Policy.

ACCESSING DOCUMENTS

These and other policy documents are publically available in the following handbooks, through links on ACT’s home page (www.actheology.edu.au):

1. Undergraduate Handbook.
5. Distance Education Handbook.

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