

Course Name:
GSH723: Jewish Perspectives on the Resurrection of Jesus

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Day and time of course:

Wednesday, February 21 – May 08, 2024
16:00-19:00- Israel Time (ZOOM)

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School year: 2023-2024

Course Description

This course will survey the views of the resurrection of Jesus in scripture, Jewish history, and modern scholarship. It will interact with a number of disciplines, including ancient history, theology, the 'historical Jesus,' Jewish-Christian relations, and apologetics.

Course Goals

1. Present a historical overview of Jewish beliefs about the concept of resurrection
2. Examine the factors that have changed Jewish beliefs in this area over the centuries
3. Discuss the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus within the above parameters

Learning Outcome

1. The student will understand the historical landscape of both Jewish and Christian thought on this issue.
2. The student will learn to integrate and decipher modern critical responses to the historicity of the resurrection of Jesus.
3. The student will become familiar with contemporary literature on the resurrection.

Course Structure

The lessons will be held through a Zoom format, consisting of lectures and interactive discussions between all participants. There will be 10 three-hour live zoom lectures (with breaks). Recordings will be available to registered students.

Requirements and Grading

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| Book Review (due May 31, 2024) | 50% |
| Gospel Review (due May 31, 2024) | 50% |
| Total Grade | 100% |

Book Review:

Choose either Lapide or Vermes (see Bibliography), summarize each chapter in two paragraphs and in a third paragraph interact with the chapter in relationship to the Bible and what has been taught in this class.

Gospel Review:

Choose either Matthew or Luke, identify all references to resurrection. Explain how these passages relate to both the TNK and Second Temple Judaism.

MA Students:

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| Book Review (see above) | 25% |
| Gospel Review (see above) | 25% |
| Exegetical Paper on Daniel 12:1-2 | 50% |

[Exegete Daniel 12:1-2 and discuss how it is employed or alluded to in the NT. 10 pages double spaced, use at least five sources, commentaries.]

Main Texts

Evans, Craig A. and Mishkin, David. 2017. *A Handbook on the Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson.

Levenson, Jon D. 2008. *Resurrection and the restoration of Israel*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Licona, Michel R. 2010. *The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach*. Downers Grove, IL: Intervrsity.

Wright, N.T. 2003. *The Resurrection of the Son of God*. Minn: Fortress.

| Date | Subject | Readings |
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| 21.02 | Life after death in TNK | Evans and Mishkin, pp 250 - 254 |
| 28.02 | Resurrection in 2 nd Temple Judaism | Evans and Mishkin, pp 255 - 260 |
| 06.03 | Resurrection in Rabbinic and modern Judaism | Levenson, pp 1 – 34 |
| 13.03 | Dallas Spring Break, no class | |
| 20.03 | Resurrection in Paul's Theology | Evans and Mishkin, pp 281 - 287 |
| 27.04 | Resurrection in the Gospels | Wright, pp 401 - 449 |
| 03.04 | Resurrection in Remainder of NT | Wright, pp 450 - 479 |
| 10.04 | Resurrection and the Historical Jesus | Wright, pp 685 - 718 |
| 17.04 | Jewish Views of the Resurrection of Jesus | Evans and Mishkin, pp 266 - 274 |
| 24.04 | Passover, no class | |
| 01.05 | Apologetics and the Resurrection, pt1 | Licona , pp 207 - 266 |
| 08.05 | Apologetics and the Resurrection, pt 2 | licona, pp 412 - 440 |
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- Charlesworth, James. 2008. *Resurrection: The Origin and Future of a Biblical Doctrine*. London: T&T Clarke.
- Craig, William Lane. 1989. *Assessing the New Testament Evidence for the Historicity of the Resurrection of Jesus*. Lewiston, NY: Mellen.
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- Lapide, Pinchas. 1982. *The Resurrection of Jesus: A Jewish Perspective*. London: SPCK.
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- Segal, Alan F. 2004. *Life after Death*. NY: Random House.
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