



Bible and Theology Department
"Shaping Servant Leaders"
--Course Synopsis--

<p>COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: BNT 540 OLC Studies in the Synoptic Gospels and Acts: Speeches in Acts CREDIT HOURS: 3 Credits SEMESTER: Fall 2020 COURSE DAY/TIME: August 17 - December 11, 2020 LOCATION: Online Course</p>	<p>INSTRUCTOR: James D. Hernando, Ph.D. PHONE: (417) 848-0625 EMAIL: hernandoj@evangel.edu OFFICE HOURSE: By appointment</p>
<p>For information on textbook pricing and availability, go to http://www.bkstr.com/evangelstore/home.</p> <p><u>REQUIRED TEXTS:</u></p> <p>Soards, Marion L. <i>The Speeches in Acts: Their Content, Context and Concerns</i>. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1994. ISBN 0664252214 (will be referred to as Soards in this class).</p> <p>Witherington, Ben. <i>The Acts of the Apostles: a Socio-Rhetorical Commentary</i>. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1998. ISBN 080284501 (Pbk: aok paper). (will be referred to as Witherington in this class)</p> <p>Martin, Ralph P. and Peter H. Davids, eds. <i>Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments</i>. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1997. ISBN 0830817794 (will be referred to as IVP in this class)</p> <p>Alexander, Paul, Jordan Daniel May, Robert G. Reid, ed.s. <i>Trajectories in the Book of Acts: Essays in Honor of John Wesley Wyckoff</i>. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2010. ISBN 9781606085400. (will be referred to as Trajectories in this class)</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED TEXT:</u></p> <p>Bruce, F. F. <i>Commentary on the Book of the Acts</i>. In the NICNT series. Edited by F. F. Bruce. Grand Rapids: Wm B. Eerdmans, 1988 rev. ed. ISBN 0802824188</p> <p>Longenecker, Richard N. <i>The Acts of the Apostles</i>. In <i>The Expositor's Bible Commentary</i>, Vol. 9. Edited by Frank E. Gaebelin. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981. ISBN 031020108X</p> <p>Stronstad, Roger. <i>The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke</i>. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012. ISBN 9780801048586 (pbk).</p> <p><u>REQUIRED CLASS SUPPLIES:</u></p> <p>The student will need access to the texts, the Bible, a computer, the internet, and to the University email system.</p>	

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An exegetical and theological examination of the speeches in the Book of Acts. Emphasis will be given to understanding how these speeches reveal the Christology of the early church in general and Lucan Christology and Pneumatology in particular. Special focus will be placed on isolating the essentials of the apostolic *kerygma* as well as points of theological divergence. Also to be explored are the theological and practical implications for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a pluralistic world today.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. View the video lectures (Audio Enhanced PowerPoints).
2. Read weekly the assigned material from the required texts.
3. Read any supplementary material assigned in the modules each week.
4. Complete the Syntactical Analyses, Exegetical Outlines, and Content Analyses for the five speeches covered.
5. Complete a final exam.
6. Complete the Syntactical Analyses, Exegetical Outlines, and Content Analyses on a passage in Acts relevant to the course and approved by the professor.
7. Submit a research/writing project on a passage in Acts relevant to the course and approved by the professor.
8. Details on the requirements—further explanations, due dates, and mode of submission—will be part of the syllabus, which will be available a week prior to the beginning of the course.