

JESUS THE MESSIAH: GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

THE MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

I. CLASS INFORMATION:

First Class Session (Onsite): Saturday, April 6, 2019

9:00–11:00am (PST); optional technology coaching 8:00–9:00am
His Place Church
3079 E. 16th Ave.
Post Falls, ID 83854

Weekly Class Sessions (Online): Thursdays, April 11 – May 30, 2019

6:45–8:15pm (Pacific Standard Time)
Direct Link to Zoom Conference Call: <https://zoom.us/j/478155508>
Alternatively, you may call in at (646) 558 8656; ID 478 155 508

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II. DESCRIPTION:

Jesus Christ stands as the central figure of the entire Bible, and his crucifixion and resurrection stand as the central event of God's revelation in the Scriptures. This is a Bible survey course that examines the prophecies about the messiah in the Old Testament and the fulfillment of these promises in Jesus the Christ in the New Testament. The course introduces the fundamentals of the gospel. Following this

course, the student will be able to outline the entire structure of the Bible and relate any major section of the Bible to the gospel story.

III. OBJECTIVES:

- ❖ At the completion of the course, we will be able to identify messianic prophecies in the Old Testament and explain how Jesus fulfilled these prophecies in the New Testament.
- ❖ We will develop personal convictions concerning the questions of the reliability of the Bible.
- ❖ We will be able to articulate the characteristic features of birth narratives of Jesus, as well as the miracles and teachings of Jesus.
- ❖ We will be able to explain the theological significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

IV. PROCEDURES:

Both Onsite and Online: The first class period will be conducted as a live event on the campus of the partner church and will consist of two lectures of 50 minutes each. This opening class period may be advertised to the general public and may be used as an avenue for outreach into the broader community. The partner church is encouraged to provide modest refreshments.

Subsequent class periods will be conducted as online conference calls, each of which will be 90 minutes in length total. The first 45 minutes of each of these conference calls will be dedicated to new lecture material. Following a 10-minute break, the final 35 minutes will be dedicated to discussing class reading assignments.

Video Recordings: The online class periods will be video recorded, and these video recordings will be distributed to the students via the class landing page. The video recordings are not intended to serve as independent educational resources. Rather, the video recordings are created so that students may review any class periods from which they are absent and thereby remain fully integrated in class discussions.

V. TEXTBOOK (FOR PURCHASE):

Keller, Timothy. *Jesus the King: The Story of the World in the Life of Jesus*. New York: Dutton, 2011. (Also published as *King's Cross*.)

VI. CLASS SCHEDULE:

Date:	Place and Time:	Subject:	Readings and Assignments:
Saturday, April 6, 2019	His Place Church, 9:00–11:00am (PST)	The Messianic Prophecies of Scripture	
Thursday, April 11, 2019	Online, 6:45– 8:15pm (PST)	The Question of Contradictions in the Gospels	Keller, "Before" John 1
Thursday, April 18, 2019	Online, 6:45– 8:15pm (PST)	Jesus' Birth and Preparation for Public Ministry	Chapter 1: "The Dance" Matthew 1–4
Thursday, April 25, 2019	Online, 6:45– 8:15pm (PST)	Jesus' Works and Miracles	Keller, Chapter 5: "The Power." Keller, Chapter 6: "The Waiting." Mark 5
Thursday, May 2, 2019	Online, 6:45– 8:15pm (PST)	Jesus' Words and Message	Keller, Chapter 11: "The Trap" Matthew 13, Luke 15–16
Thursday, May 9, 2019	Online, 6:45– 8:15pm (PST)	The Last Supper	Keller, Chapter 14: "The Feast" Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 17
Thursday, May 16, 2019	NO CLASS		
Thursday, May 23, 2019	Online, 6:45– 8:15pm (PST)	The Crucifixion of Jesus	Keller, Chapter 17: "The End" Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19
Thursday, May 30, 2019	Online, 6:45– 8:15pm (PST)	The Resurrection of Jesus	Keller, Chapter 18: "The Beginning" Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20

VII. ASSIGNMENTS:

- A. *Attendance*. In the case that a student is not able to be present for a class period, we recommend that (1) the student notify the class facilitator by email concerning the absence and (2) the student review the video recording of the class period before the next class period.
- B. *Reading*. There are reading assignments for each of the seven class periods following the first class period. Students are expected to read the assigned sections of the textbook prior to the start of the class during which they will be discussed. On average, there are 38 pages of reading due per week in this class.
- C. *Class Discussion*. The teacher will circulate a study guide for the textbook. Students are to prepare in advance responses to the discussion questions posed by the study guide and to come prepared to present a position in 2–3 minutes (i.e., 120–180 seconds) for each question. After one student argues for his or her position, the rest of the members of class will have the opportunity to respond.
- D. *Research Project*. Students are to choose one of the following projects:
 - i. *The Miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand*. The miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand is the only miracle (aside from the resurrection of Jesus) that appears in all four Gospels. Compare in detail the four accounts of this miracle story (Matthew 14:13–21, Mark 6:30–44, Luke 9:10–17, and John 1:1–15), commenting on the differences you discover and whether the accounts can be read as a single event (in 1,000–1,500 words, not including reproductions of the texts of the Gospel accounts).
 - ii. *The Gospel and the Gospels*. What is the gospel message? Why did Jesus have to die in order for us to be forgiven by God? Explain the gospel message in clear language, primarily from the four Gospels.

VIII. BIBLIOGRAPHY (FOR REFERENCE):

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