



The Life and Ministry of Jesus [Part II] - Syllabus

Course Text(s): **The Bible**
 ***Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*, Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg**

Course Description:

This is a continued study, part two, of the life and ministry of Jesus first experienced by students in KINEO I. The course involves a deeper study of the Jewish Jesus and His role, influence, and leadership as a rabbi in ancient times. Dr. Michael Brown, author of *The Real Kosher Jesus*, said, "...a Jewish leader [Nicodemus] — a Pharisee at that — recognizes Jesus as a gifted teacher, a man sent from God, and he calls Him *rabbi*, a title by which He is addressed a total of thirteen times in the New Testament (along with being called a teacher many more times), and this leads us to a very important observation: *we cannot understand who Jesus-Yeshua is unless we recognize Him as a first-century Jewish rabbi*. I could cite a small mountain of books and articles penned by Jewish and Christian scholars that agree with this assessment." This statement explains the importance in seeing Jesus in His Jewish setting, living and ministering as a rabbi, and understanding the Jewish culture in which He lived.

Course Objectives and Goals:

To enable the student :

- to understand and appreciate the 'Jewishness' of Jesus and how the culture and customs of the Jewish ways factored into Jesus' life
- to understand the role of a rabbi in ancient times and the expectations a rabbi had of his disciples, helping students to realize the expectations Jesus has of His disciples today
- to understand the depth of the prayer life of Jesus
- to realize how Jesus ministered and moved about as a Jewish man committed to keeping the Laws of Moses
- to understand the teaching methods of Jesus as students understand the teaching methods of all rabbis in the time of Jesus
- to gain understanding of many comments made by Jesus by understanding how rabbis communicated in His day
- to gain a general understanding of Judaism in ancient times
- to experience the Bible coming alive, having gained greater understanding of its ancient, eastern, Jewish content

Class Methodology of Teaching:

- Class lectures
- Student interaction
- Interaction with the Biblical text
- Question and answer opportunities

Course Requirements:

1. Participate in class discussion.
2. Outside assignments (homework):
 - a. Textbook: Students will read ***Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*** by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg during the course of the study and continue with their reading of the Old Testament
3. Class attendance and punctuality is required.
4. In case of an absence:
 - a. ***The student*** must view the lecture of the missed class and complete the lecture quiz by the due date.
 - b. ***The student*** is responsible for obtaining any handouts, homework assignments, etc. that were given when the student was absent.
 - c. ***The student*** is to be current on all assignments by the due date(s), keeping the same pace with the instructor and other students.
 - d. The textbook quiz, lecture quiz, and Old Testament reading quiz are due each week upon their due dates, regardless of an absence.

Textbook reading quizzes must be completed by 11:59pm EST on the Wednesday before each class. Textbook reading assignments are in you intro course.

This textbook contains a helpful Study Guide you will *definitely* find beneficial. Also, I *strongly* recommend you refer to the appendixes as you read. The information you will find there is invaluable.