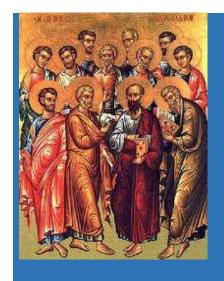


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Advancing God's Kingdom by Preparing Competent Christian Leaders for Spirit-Empowered Life and Ministry



# NT5309 Luke-Acts 3 credits

- 2 On Campus (A) Live-Stream
  - Video on Demand

Term D March 11 – April 18, 2024

Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00-10:30 am Susan Wendel, Ph.D. email: swendel@horizon.edu



# **Course Goals**

#### **Course Description**

In recognition of Luke's unique contribution as a literary artist, historian, and theologian, this course studies his account of the story of Jesus and the emergence of the nascent Christ-believing community. Besides exploring the genre and socio-cultural context of Luke-Acts, the course will invite students to respond positively to Luke's aim to inform and deepen the faith of Christ-followers.

## Relationship to Horizon's Mission

This course prepares students for Spirit-empowered life and ministry by equipping them to understand and apply biblical truth with greater proficiency.

# **Core Competencies and Learning Outcomes**

To demonstrate competency in *Biblical and Theological Literacy*, students will,

- 1. Outline the elements and structure of the narrative of Luke-Acts.
  - Assessment: Reading Log and Outline of Luke-Acts

- 2. Trace key themes in Luke-Acts in order to gain a clearer understanding of Luke's unique literary artistry and emphasis.
  - Assessment: Johnson Book Review; Kuhn Book Summary; Peterson Introduction Notes
- 3. Illustrate how the stories of Jesus and the early Church, when read in light of their literary, social, and political contexts, articulate a profoundly relevant message for the church today.
  - Assessment: Research Paper
  - Assessment: Final Exam
- 4. Reflect upon how the message of Luke-Acts informs the way we think, live, and minister in our current cultural context.
  - Assessment: Research Paper

# **Course Work**

# **Required Readings**

NRSV or NIV version of Luke and Acts

- Aland, Kurt. Synopsis of the Four Gospels: Revised Standard Version. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. American Bible Society, 2010.
- Johnson, Luke Timothy. *Prophetic Jesus, Prophetic Church: The Challenge of Luke-Acts to Contemporary Christians*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011.
- Kuhn, Karl Allen. *Luke the Elite Evangelist*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2010. ISBN: 9780814653050.
- Peterson, David G. *The Acts of the Apostles*. Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2009. ISBN: 9780802837318.

\*\*While students have the benefit of accessing most of their textbooks online through the <u>Digital Theological Library</u>, they will not have access to the Digital Theological Library upon graduation. Therefore, we encourage students to purchase select textbooks to build their personal library. For your convenience, Horizon has partnered with Kennedy's Parable to provide textbooks.

# **Course Assignments and Activities**

- 1. Reading Log and Outline of Luke-Acts Read the assigned portions of Luke-Acts before each class. As you do so, follow the outline of Luke-Acts provided on Populi and keep a record of the date and time it took to read the assigned chapters. When you have completed the readings, submit the outline, record of reading duration, along with a statement of confirmation that you have completed the readings (at the bottom of the outline provided on Populi).
  - Related learning outcome: #1.
  - **Due date:** April 11, 2024.

- 2. Johnson Book Review Write a book review that includes two parts: 1) Johnson's description of the literary shape of Luke-Acts and its message for the contemporary church (2-3 pages); and 2) an evaluation of the extent to which Johnson provides a compelling argument and relevant message for the church (2-3 pages). A more detailed description of this assignment will be provided during the first week of class.
  - Related learning outcome: #2Assignment length: 5-6 pages.
  - **Due date:** April 6, 2024.
- 3. *Kuhn Book Summary* Write a three-page book summary of Kuhn's book, *Luke the Elite Evangelist* that includes the following components.
  - o Begin by providing the author's name and the full title of the book.
  - o Describe the book by included the following material:
    - What type of book is it? What subject matter does it cover?
    - What is the main purpose or thesis of the author?
    - Who is the main intended audience of the book? How does this have an impact on its overall presentation?
    - What is the particular perspective of the author and what role does this play in her presentation?
  - o Briefly outline the content of each chapter and indicate how each chapter contributes to the overall purpose or thesis of the book.
- 4. *Peterson Commentary Notes*: Read the introduction to the Acts commentary by David Peterson and take point-form notes (~3-4 pages).
  - Related to learning outcomes: #2
  - **Due date:** March 30, 2024
- 5. Research Paper Write a research paper on Acts that covers one of these topics: 30%

| Discipleship    | Healing        | Politics     | Salvation   |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Evangelism      | Holy Spirit    | Christology  | Suffering   |
| Exorcism        | Church         | Temple       | Miracles    |
| Church + Israel | Witness        | Food laws    | Fellowship  |
| Mission         | Leadership     | Church Order | Holy Spirit |
| Generosity      | Death of Jesus | Guidance     | Persecution |

- The research paper must include the following components: 1) a clearly-articulated thesis and conclusion; 2) a well-organized discussion of your chosen theme; and 3) at least ten scholarly sources that support your findings. At the conclusion of the paper, reflect upon how your chosen topic and thesis help us to think, live, and minister in present-day contexts (~2-3 pages).
- Related learning outcomes: #3, 4.
- Assignment length: 12-15 pages.
- **Due date:** May 6, 2024.

- 6. Final Exam Prepare for and write a take-home exam that requires students to discuss key interpretive issues in Luke-Acts. At the beginning of the final week in class, students will receive a list of possible exam questions to study in preparation for the final exam. 20%
  - Related to learning outcome: #3
  - Assignment length: 2 hours (to write).

• **Due date:** April 12, 2024

# **Video-on-Demand (VOD) Student Requirements**

As indicated on the course schedule, this class is being offered by VOD. Students who intend to take the course primarily through VOD are required to indicate this during their course registration. While VOD recordings are available for any student who may miss a class, non-VOD students are expected to attend class live following the class attendance policy.

- For this course, VOD students have the same assignment due dates as in-class students.
- Each week, VOD students are required to watch and engage with all lecture content and in-class activities from that week's classes.
- By Monday at 11:59 pm each week, VOD students will submit written confirmation that 1) affirms they have watched the required recording for the last seven days, and 2) summarizes two-three items from the course that were meaningful to them and help them to reach the course learning outcomes (300-500 words).
- In order to pass the course, VOD students must submit all of their VOD weekly submissions. These submissions are marked are pass/fail based on whether they demonstrate thoughtful engagement with the lecture content and in-class activities.

**Estimate of Time Investment** (individual time investments may vary)

| Classroom time                              | 30 hrs  | <i></i>        |     |
|---|---------|----------------|-----|
| 1. Reading Log and Outline of Luke-<br>Acts | 15 hrs  | April 11, 2024 | 10% |
| 2. Kuhn Book Summary                        | 12 hrs  | March 25, 2024 | 10% |
| 3. Peterson Commentary Notes                | 8 hrs   | March 30, 2024 | 10% |
| 3. Johnson Book Review                      | 25 hrs  | April 6, 2024  | 20% |
| 4. Research Paper                           | 30 hrs  | May 6, 2024    | 30% |
| 5. Final Exam                               | 5 hrs   | April 12, 2024 | 20% |
| Total =                                     |         |                |     |
|   | 125 hrs |                |     |

Course Outline/Class Schedule Mar 14 - Apr 21

| Date     | Text       | Class Topic                         | Supporting Assignments |
|----------|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| March 11 | Luke 1:1-4 | Introduction:                       |                        |
|          |            | Authorship, Date, Purpose and Genre |                        |
| March 12 | Luke 1-2   | Methods for Studying Luke-Acts      |                        |
| March 13 | Luke 1-3   | Methods for Studying Luke-Acts      |                        |

| March 14 | Luke 4          | Luke's Apocalyptic Perspective                 |                                |
|----------|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| March 18 | Luke 4-7        | Mission and Identity of Jesus                  |                                |
| March 19 | Luke 5-8        | Mission and Identity of the Disciples          |                                |
| March 20 | Luke 5-8        | Jesus Mobilizes His Mission                    |                                |
| March 21 | Luke 9-19       | Economics, Justice, and the Kingdom            |                                |
| March 25 | Luke 9-19       | Transformation of Social Order in the Kingdom  | Kuhn Book Summary              |
| March 26 | Luke 9-19       | Travel Narrative                               |                                |
| March 27 | Luke 20-23      | Death of Jesus and the Plan of God             |                                |
| March 28 | Luke 24; Acts 1 | Resurrection and Mission                       |                                |
| March 30 |                 |  | Peterson Introduction<br>Notes |
| April 1  | Acts 2-3        | Descent of Spirit: Restoration of God's People |                                |
| April 2  | Acts 4-5        | External and Internal Conflict                 |                                |
| April 3  | Acts 6-8        | Expansion of the Mission                       |                                |
| April 4  | Acts 9, 13, 28  | Saul's Transformation and Mission              |                                |
| April 6  |                 |  | Johnson Book Review            |
| April 8  | Acts 10-11      | Peter and Cornelius                            |                                |
| April 9  | Acts 15         | A Turning Point: Israel and the Nations        |                                |
| April 10 | Acts 14, 16     | Cultural Collision in Luke-Acts                |                                |
| April 11 | Acts 17-19      | Luke-Acts and Empire                           | Reading Log and Outline        |
| April 12 |                 |  | Final Exam                     |
| May 6    |                 |  | Final Paper                    |

# **Academic Policies**

# General Guidelines for the Submission of Written Work

Formatting Papers

- Papers should be typed, double-spaced and follow the appropriate formatting guidelines (e.g. 1 inch margins).
- Follow the Horizon Format Guide consistently.
- The length of papers should fall within +/- 10% of the stated length. Papers that fall outside the length guidelines may not be graded and will receive a grade reduction.

Failure to follow these guidelines warrants a grade reduction.

Submitting Your Assignments

Assignments should be submitted via <u>Populi</u>. The resource at this <u>link</u> explains how to submit assignments on Populi.

#### **Late Assignments and Extensions**

All assignments are due when stated by the professor or, if not specified, within 8 weeks after the first day of class. Please contact the professor well in advance if you would like to request an adjustment to any of your due dates. A late penalty will be assessed for all overdue assignments: 1-3 days late, penalty of 10%; 4-6 days late, penalty of 20%. After six days late, an assignment receives a grade of 0.

Grading

| Grade | Percentage | GPA | Descriptor   |
|-------|------------|-----|--------------|
| A+    | 97-100%    | 4   | Exceptional  |
| A     | 93-96%     | 4   | Excellent    |
| A-    | 90-92%     | 3.7 | Excellent    |
| B+    | 87-89%     | 3.3 | Good         |
| В     | 83-86%     | 3.0 | Good         |
| B-    | 80-82%     | 2.7 | Good         |
| C+    | 77-79%     | 2.3 | Satisfactory |
| С     | 73-76%     | 2.0 | Satisfactory |
| C-    | 70-72%     | 1.7 | Satisfactory |
| D+    | 67-79%     | 1.3 | Minimal Pass |
| D     | 63-66%     | 1.0 | Minimal Pass |
| D-    | 60-62%     | 0.7 | Minimal Pass |
| F     | <60%       | 0   | Failure      |

#### **Academic Integrity**

Students learn best when practicing academic integrity. A lack of integrity is displayed in acts such as deception, abuse of confidentiality, cheating, inappropriate collaboration, or plagiarism. Plagiarism occurs when a student presents the words or ideas of another person or an artificial intelligence (AI) tool in such a way as to give others the impression that it is their own words or ideas. In academic writing, there should be no doubt which words or ideas are the student's and which are drawn from other sources or AI. Students are expected to submit their own original work and give due recognition to sources from which all substantial phrases, sentences or even ideas are drawn. Note also that you may not submit work done in one course to satisfy the requirements of another course (unless both instructors agree beforehand to accept such work). See <a href="here">here</a> for examples of plagiarism and further guidelines in the <a href="https://examples.com/students

## **Accessible Learning Services Information**

Horizon aims to provide an accessible learning environment for all our students. If you would benefit from learning accommodations due to temporary or ongoing physical or mental health conditions or learning disabilities, please contact us as soon as possible to schedule a conversation. In all cases we ask that you provide current documentation of the disability or

condition you wish to disclose. Horizon takes appropriate care to ensure confidentiality about any such disclosures. For more information, contact Richelle Bekkattla, Horizon's Library Technician, at <a href="mailto:library@horizon.edu">library@horizon.edu</a>.

#### Class Attendance

Students should attend all classes in order to facilitate competency development. Students are expected to be present through the delivery method that they registered for, either on campus or through live-streaming with their camera on. A student must be present for the full duration of a class period in order to be registered as present for the class. In the case of illness or other unforeseen circumstances, students may miss one day of a module course or three days of class in a term or semester course without academic penalty. Students who are absent for more than the number of classes stated above will automatically fail the course. Students wishing to be exempted from this policy due to extenuating circumstances may make an academic appeal, where they will need to document and verify those circumstances. Students who miss a class are responsible to get missed notes or handouts from another student, rather than from the professor.

#### **Live-Streaming Etiquette**

Students taking the course through live-streaming are required to indicate this during their course registration. While live-streaming access is available for on-campus students who are unable to attend class due to illness, on-campus students are expected to attend class in person following the class attendance policy.

If attending class online via live-stream, in order to be marked present for class, you must keep your camera on and stay present and attentive throughout the class session, extending the gift of full engagement. Access your class with a computer (preferably) or tablet, not a cell phone. Arrive to class on time, and dress as you would if you were attending class on campus. Join the class from a quiet space with minimal background noise, and mute your microphone until you wish to speak to the class.

#### **Use of Technology**

Horizon encourages the use of electronic devices in the classroom to enhance learning. Careful consideration must be given to privacy issues, copyrighted materials, and the general care and concern for others. Please respect the following classroom policies:

- Please use online access for course learning only. This is a matter of respect for the instructor's teaching, your own learning, and fellow students who may be distracted by other uses
- Students should secure permission from the instructor to record any teaching material.
   This includes PowerPoint slides, white board illustrations, notes, and any form of audio or video.
- Student feedback is a valuable input for course improvements. Please resolve any classroom grievance about the instructor or course with the instructor personally, through the Horizon College and Seminary grievance procedures, or the Populi-based course evaluations. It is inappropriate to air classroom grievances on a social media platform.
- When instructors use recording mechanisms in the classroom, recorded materials will be used for the sole purpose of instruction and cannot be released to any social media outlet without the written consent of the students whose images have been recorded.

• In general, it is not acceptable to share photographs or videos of students in the classroom setting without permission from those whose images appear in such media.

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