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TITLE: The Gospel of Matthew

TERM: Fall 2026-2027

PROFESSOR: Tucker Ferda

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: 15
AUDITORS: 5 (w/ instructor approval)

UNLIMITED _____
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A study of the Gospel of Matthew – its background, literary structure and techniques, theological concerns, and significance for our situation. The course will emphasize careful reading and seek to place Matthew’s themes in conversation with the larger canonical witness. Students will also learn about diverse approaches to reading Matthew in contemporary secondary literature and throughout the history of interpretation.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

1. to grow in knowledge of the content, form, and historical background of the Gospel of Matthew
2. to better understand the history of interpretation of Matthew and modern critical approaches to the Gospel
3. to integrate the interpretation of Matthew with the larger canonical witness and contemporary theological questions
4. to foster an appreciation for the witness of Matthew in the life of the Church today

PREREQUISITES:

It is expected that students have had NT110. Exceptions require instructor approval.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READINGS:

Powell, Mark Allan. *Matthew: An Interpretation Bible Commentary*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2023. ISBN: 978-1646983629, \$27.00 (WJK with discount); \$35.37 (Amazon).

WJK Press is giving students 40% off the list price if they purchase the book on the Westminster John Knox Press website. The code is TEXTBOOK40.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

- short writing assignments
- brief history of interpretation presentation/s
- final exegetical paper and defense

ATTENDANCE: Required. In-person.