



# NT101 New Testament Foundations I

Mr Quek Tze-Ming | 3CR

## About the Course

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The New Testament contains some of the most influential documents ever written. NT Foundations I & II survey the entire contents of the NT. The student will be drawn into the world of the NT and encouraged to interact with the themes and message contained within each piece of writing in the NT. In so doing, students can better examine the implications of the NT's message for Christians and for the Church today. NT Foundations I & II will be taught using a two-volume introduction to the New Testament entitled

*Exploring the New Testament*, jointly published by IVP and SPCK.

This course, NT Foundations I (NT101), is a general introduction to the Four Gospels and Acts. Students can expect a survey of major interpretive approaches, as well as a consideration of historical and cultural issues. These include the Synoptic Problem and the literary relationship of the Gospels; the problem of the historical Jesus; the genre, historical setting, message and structure of each of the Gospels and Acts.

It will be based on David Wenham and Steve Walton, *Exploring the New Testament Volume One: The Gospels and Acts* (2d ed; Downers Grove: IVP and London: SPCK, 2011), ("ENT 1").

## About the Lecturer

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**Mr Quek Tze-Ming** is a Ph.D candidate in New Testament Studies at the University of Cambridge. His special area of studies is in the use of the Old Testament in the New. After leaving legal practice, he served in student ministry with the Fellowship of Evangelical Students (Singapore). He then commenced theological studies, receiving a Dip. C.S. from BGST, a M.Div and a Th.M from Regent College, Vancouver. He is married to Sharon, and they have two daughters. He serves in the teaching ministry of his church, and maintains a lively interest in local food, football, and movies.



<b>Dates (2019)</b> July 18 Aug 1, 29 Sep 12, 26 Oct 10, 24 (7:15pm – 10:00pm)	<b>Location</b> Biblical Graduate School of Theology 50 Kallang Pudding Road, #07-01, Singapore 349326
<b>Credits</b> 3CR	<b>Fees*</b> S\$450(Credit) S\$240(Audit)
<b>Class Format</b> Blended Learning (Live/ Online Lectures & Tutorials)	* Students from Host Churches are entitled to 20% off credit courses only

# Course Objectives

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Upon completion of the course, it is hoped that the student will:

- i. be familiar with the historical, cultural and religious environment in which Jesus and his early followers lived, and so gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the message of Jesus of Nazareth in the setting of first-century Palestinian Judaism.
- ii. be able to articulate and appreciate the basic outlines, contents, and distinctive theological contributions of each of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostle.
- iii. be familiar with, and be able to evaluate, the scholarly theories of relationships among the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke), and John.
- iv. be able to interact with critical approaches and methods used to interpret the Gospels and Acts.
- v. have a knowledge of the past and current state of Life of Jesus research.
- vi. be able to appreciate the ways by which time- and culturally-bound texts may yet be applied in today's cultural, ethical, and religious settings.

## Academic Information

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### Course Text

1. \* Wenham, David, and Steve Walton. *Exploring the New Testament Volume One: The Gospels and Acts*. 2d Ed. Downers Grove: IVP and London: SPCK, 2011.
2. Longenecker, Bruce W. *The Lost Letters of Pergamum: A Story from the New Testament World*. 2d Ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016 (813.6 LON)

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### Assignments

- (1) Tutorial Discussion/Presentation (20%);
- (2) Book Review (20%);
- (3) 5 Reading Reports (10%);
- (4) Essay (50%)

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