

**Reading the Gospels, Part One**  
**From the Beginning of the Gospel through the Turning toward Jerusalem**

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 Wednesdays, September 3 through November 19,  
 Period 5 (11:45-12:35) – lunch provided

Rooted in a careful reading of the biblical text, this class will keep all four Gospels in view in order to highlight both the challenges and the rewards that follow from setting the accounts alongside each other and allowing their different styles, perspectives, and agendas to emerge. Whether you are reading the Gospels for the first time or the fiftieth time or from a perspective of conviction or skepticism, this class will enrich your reading of this fascinating literature and of the figure that stands at the heart of the story it tells.

**Schedule**

**Reading Assignments**

	<b>Mt</b>	<b>Mk</b>	<b>Lk</b>	<b>Jn</b>
Sept. 3 – Beginnings	1.1-17	1.1-15	1.1-5	1.1-18
Sept. 10 – Birth and childhood	1.18-2.23*		1.5-2.52*	
Sept. 17 – John the Baptizer and preparation for ministry	3.1-4.11	1.1-13	3.1-4.13	1.19-34
Sept. 24 – Beginning ministry and calling disciples	4.12-4.25 (5.1-7.29*)	1.14-39	4.12-5.11	1.35-51*
Oct.1 – Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the world				2.1-4.54*
Oct. 8 – [no class]				
Oct. 15 – Mark gives the basic story		1.40-6.13		
Oct. 22 – Luke adds to it			5.12-9.6	
Oct. 29 – Matthew confuses it	5.1-13.58*			
Nov. 5 – Making sense of Matthew	5.1-13.58*			
Nov. 12 – The death of John, feeding the 5,000, Peter’s profession, and the turn to Jerusalem	14.1-16.28*	6.14-8.38	9.7-27	5.1-6.71*
Nov. 19 – Mark’s distinctiveness and the logic of the Gospels	14.1-16.28*	6.14-8.38	9.7-27	5.1-6.71*

I enjoy keeping period six (12:50-1:40) open on Wednesdays to continue the discussion with anyone who wants to stay. I am also available Friday mornings by appointment and am eager to talk further with you about the issues that this class raises – or about anything else you want to discuss. You can contact me directly at [richard@christianstudycenter.org](mailto:richard@christianstudycenter.org) or reach me through Nora Avery, our Office Administrator, at 352-379-7375. I welcome the conversation.