

**Making Sense of the Gospels, Part Two**  
Director's Class, Spring 2018

Beginning with the transfiguration and concluding with the resurrection of Jesus, we will continue to read the four New Testament gospels alongside each other in order to gain deeper insight into the distinctive agendas and interests of each gospel writer. As we did last semester, we will once again be asking how the different agendas, perspectives, and editorial policies shape these books and how the differences among them enrich the picture of Jesus that they give us. Having focused on Matthew and Mark last fall, Luke and John will play a more prominent role this semester.

No pre-requisites or outside readings are required, but the value of this class will increase in direct proportion to the amount of time you spend reading the gospel texts outside of class. The following schedule is open to revision. Please register online to receive weekly email updates and comments.

January 17 – Recalling the Gospel Distinctives; Jesus' Re-enactment of the Exodus  
Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9

January 24 – Mark and Matthew's Short Version of the Road to Jerusalem  
Mark 9-10; Matthew 17-20

January 31 – Luke's Long Version of the Story  
Luke 9-14

February 7 – Luke's Version Continued  
Luke 15-18

February 14 – John Offers a View from Jerusalem  
John 7-12

February 21 – Rejoining the Narratives and Approaching Jerusalem  
Matthew 19-20; Mark 10; Luke 18-19; John 10-11

February 28 – Entering Jerusalem  
Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19-20; John 12

(March 7 – SPRING BREAK)

March 14 – The Final Week  
Matthew 22-25; Mark 12-13; Luke 20-21; John 12

March 21 – The Final Night  
Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18

March 28 – The Crucifixion  
Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19

April 4 – The Resurrection  
Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21

Office hours: I hold office hours on Wednesday afternoons (12:30-2:00) and Friday mornings (9:00-10:30). I welcome opportunities to talk with students outside of class. Please take advantage of these hours to come by on your own or with a friend to talk about the gospels—or anything at all.