

# Life of Christ in the Synoptic Gospels

## Course Syllabus 2020-21

**Instructor:** Mark Lenz  
**Title:** Life of Christ  
**Grade Level:** 9 - 12  
**Course Length:** 1 semester  
**Credit:** 0.5 credits  
**Prerequisites:** none



### Description:

An in-depth study of the life and ministry of our Savior as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Each of the Gospels will be studied in detail to gain an appreciation for the special insights each provides and to understand the unique purpose for which each was written.

### Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

- understand that Jesus is the promised Messiah and the Savior of the world
- appreciate the unique insights of each of the three evangelists
- know the significance of the cultural and historical context of the Bible
- grow in the ability to share the gospel

### Course Outline:

Week	Readings, etc.	Topics
1	Introduction to the Course	Matthew: Author and Content
2	Mt 1-4	Jesus Calls His First Disciples
3	Mt 5-7	The Sermon on the Mount
4	Mt 8-10	Jesus' Works and Words
5	Mt 11-13	Jesus' Parables
6	Mt 14-17	Jesus' Power Over Natural Forces
7	Mt 18-20	Jesus' Instructions About His Kingdom
8	Mt 21-25	Prophecies About the Future
9	Mt 26-28	Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection
10	Introduction to Mark	Author and Content
11	Introduction to Luke	Author and Content
12	Mk 1:1-3:6 & Lk 1:1-6:11	The Early Galilean Ministry
13	Mk 3-5 & Lk 6-8	Jesus' Public Ministry
14	Mk 6-9 & Lk 9	The Tour to Tyre and Sidon
15	Lk 10-18	The Journey to Jerusalem
16	Exam	Content of Weeks 1 to 15

## Course Materials:

### Required textbook:

*The Holy Bible NIV*

### Required software:

none

## Evaluation & Grading Scale:

**Assignments:** Each graded assignment in the course is assigned a certain number of points. The course percentage grade will be determined by comparing the points earned out of points possible and then converting to a letter grade based on the grading scale below. Late assignments will lose points for being late. A student's current grade in the course will be available as we progress.

### Grading Scale

98-100 A+	87-89 B+	87-89 C+	67-69 D+	
93-97 A	83-86 B	73-76 C	63-66 D	0-59 F
90-92 A-	80-82 B-	70+72 C-	60-62 D-	

## Instructor Policies:

### Expected of Students:

- Check in on the course on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. Generally, students have been scheduled by their school to work on this course at a specific time each school day. Be faithful in using this time to work on this course. If you will be absent from class on a particular day, or if you miss class because of illness, be sure to let me know.
- Expectations for this course are high, but reasonable. Everyone is very busy with their other courses, activities, and responsibilities, yet you are expected to complete all work on time. If you need an extension of time, please make the request via private email prior to the due date.
- Communicate! If you have questions or concerns on a particular assignment or activity, please send me a private email or make a public posting in the Instructor's Office Forum. Good two-way communication is very important to having a successful experience!

## ALHS Online Policies:

Current ALHS Online policies are listed in the *Handbook for ALHS Online Students and Parents*, available on the [ALHSO.org](http://ALHSO.org) website. This includes policies on non-discrimination, anti-harassment, student expectations, attendance, academic honesty, student discipline, student grades, course add/drop, etc.

Please note the policy on **class attendance**, which states in part:

***“Even if a student’s local school does not have school on a particular day (snow day, teacher’s conference, quarter break, choral fest, class trip, etc.) ALHS Online courses will continue to meet and students are expected to complete required work on time.”***

Students also fall under the policies of their local high school, if applicable, while enrolled in ALHS Online courses.