

REVISED COURSE OVERVIEW (8/20/15)

BS 519/BS719 NT Wright on Cross and Atonement

Intensive meets 9 a.m. November 18 - 4:45 pm November 20, 2015 (app. 8 hours/day)

The core of this intensive includes *8 hours of lecture by and discussion with N.T. Wright*. Students in the course will have reserved seating for all Wright events, and no registration fees for the workshop. Students will register for workshops using a special code provided by the EI.

Goal

This course will explore N.T. Wright's interpretation of 'the puzzles of the cross' in Scripture and church.

Structure of the Intensive Course in 3 stages:

1. Students will prepare (prior to Nov. 18) by reading required texts and writing 3 short papers.
2. Class will meet Nov. 18-20, including 4 public and 1 private session with N.T. Wright.
3. Students will (after Nov. 20) self-select another 200 pages of reading and write a final paper.

Reading Requirements (519 students will read about 800 pages, 719 will read about 1,150)

Students enrolled in 519 should expect to read about 600 pages before Nov. 18.

Students enrolled in 719 should expect to read about 850 pages before Nov. 18.

All students will read the required texts below; additional readings for each level are still being selected. In addition, each student will select 200 pages to read after Nov. 20.

Writing Requirements (17-20 pages for 519; 20-24 for 719) [% of final course grade]

- A. Background paper (1-2 pages) on why you are taking this course; your prior experience with NT Wright's work (if any), and your prior approach to the cross and atonement. [5%]
- B. Critical summary and response paper (2 pages) to one of the required readings. [15%]
- C. Analysis paper (2 pages for 519, 3-4 pages for 719) on what you are expecting to hear in each of NT Wright's four lectures based on your readings OR what four specific topics, ideas, or areas you hope NT Wright will most engage or clarify in his lectures. [15%]
- D. Summary paper (12-14 pages 519, 14-16 pages 719). How has this course impacted your understanding of the cross and atonement in light of your present identity or calling. For this paper students will read an additional 200 pages (chosen in consultation with the instructors) that will help you engage the course topic in a way that will be most helpful to you. For example, you may choose to read more of NT Wright's work, some systematic theology, a document from your own denomination or tradition, or the work of someone who has offered a different point of view from NT Wright's or a critique of NT Wright's work. [50%]

Papers A through C will be due by November 16. Paper D will be due at the end of the term.

Other

Active participation in discussion over the three course days is essential. [15% of final grade]

Required Texts (both course levels; all by N.T. Wright)

A 15 page chapter by Wright called "The Crux of Faith" will be distributed electronically to students. This chapter is the best succinct introduction to the course reading, and should be read first if at all possible.

The Scriptures, the Cross, and the Power of God: Reflections for Holy Week. Westminster John Knox 2006. ISBN: 0664230512 **read all**

The Crown and the Fire, Eerdmans 2014 ISBN: 0802871798 **read chapters. 1-7, 13**

~~*Simply Good News: Why the Gospel is News and What Makes it Good*. HarperOne 2015.
A good text, well worth owning and reading, but listed earlier in error~~

Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters.
HarperOne. ISBN 978-0062084392. **Read chapters 1-14**

How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels. HarperOne, 2012. ISBN
978-0061730573 **Read chapters 4-5, 8-10**

Additional required readings are listed here. In addition to these texts, some videos will be assigned, with viewing required before the class gathers. These will be available as links in the course electronic classroom after September 8.

519 level students also read:

The Challenge of Jesus: Rediscovering Who Jesus Was and Is. IVP Books. ISBN
978-0830836963. **Read chapters 1-5**

719 level students also read:

Jesus and the Victory of God. (Christian Origins and the Question of God vol. 2)
Fortress Press, 1997. ISBN 978-0800626822 **Read parts III-IV** (pages 475-
662)

Paul and the Faithfulness of God. (Christian Origins and the Question of God
vol. 4) Fortress Press, 2013. ISBN 978-0800626839 **Read chapters 7-8.**
(pages 456-570)

Pauline Perspectives: Essays on Paul, 1978--2013 Fortress Press, 2013. ISBN
978-0800699635 **Read chapters 19, 20, 22.**