

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
Spring 2021**

Tuesdays 6:00–8:30

BS711 The Gospel of John

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Course Description

This course will be a literary, theological, ethical, spiritual, and missional engagement with the Fourth Gospel, the Gospel according to John. After considering some initial topics (relationship to the Synoptics, etc.), we will work through the text of the gospel chapter by chapter (generally about two chapters/week), asking questions about its form, content, and contributions to Christian theology, ethics, spirituality, and mission. Toward the end of the course, we will consider certain themes found in the Gospel.

Course Requirements

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 750 pages of required reading (excluding the biblical text) and should come prepared to discuss readings in class. These readings will include the assigned texts as well as articles posted on Canvas.
- **Writing:** Required writing assignments
 - One exegesis paper (approx. 10 pages) = 25%
 - One thematic paper (approx. 8 pages) = 20%
- **Other:**
 - Keeping of an exegetical notebook (manuscript analysis) on assigned passages = 20%
 - One or two brief oral presentations = 20%
 - Class participation = 15%

Required Texts

- Marianne Meye Thompson, *John: A Commentary* (Westminster John Knox, 2015), 978-0664221119
- Yohanna Katanacho, *Reading the Gospel of John through Palestinian Eyes* (Langham Partnership International, 2020), 978-1783687800
- Michael J. Gorman, *Abide and Go: Missional Theosis in the Gospel of John* (Wipf and Stock/Cascade, 2018), 978-1532615450 (pb); 978-1532615474 (hard)

Recommended Text

- Craig R. Koester, *The Word of Life: A Theology of John's Gospel* (Eerdmans, 2008), 978-0802829382