

**AIM INSTITUTE | Synoptic Gospels**  
**Course Syllabus**  
**2022 | Fall Term**

**COURSE:** Synoptic Gospels

**Course Term:** Tuesday Weekly Zoom Debrief begins September 6 at 7:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) for 12 weeks except September 27 and November 22

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

An analysis of the Gospels written by the synoptic writers Matthew, Mark, and Luke, with emphasis on the difference in their structure, subject matter, and presentation of Christ. The teachings of Jesus on the Kingdom of God as well as the parables will especially be followed through the Gospels.

**INTRODUCTION VIDEO:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**OBJECTIVES**

- Master the Gospels in their presentation of the life, person, and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. To recognize to whom each of the books was written and to learn how Christ was portrayed in each book.
- Inculcate faith in God as we see Jesus in the Word.
- Apply the universal principles of the Word of God, and the Gospels in particular, to contemporary life.
- Obtain an understanding of discipleship by studying how Christ trained His disciples.
- See the earnest heart of God securing a personal relationship with His creation through the reaching out of His Son Jesus.
- Learn about Christ's Kingdom and it's King, as well as learn from the parables how the Kingdom operates.
- Recognize that Jesus shared a basic truth with his disciples and the Church that would be the foundation of our faith. (We abide in Christ/Christ abides in us.)

**INSTRUCTOR:** Nat Saginario

“Teaching and mentoring have been the joy of my life.” Nat’s statement has totally represented the life and ministry of a man whose first priority is being in relationship with Jesus, second priority family, and third priority reaching out to people around the world challenging them to grow in Christ. This he has done as pastor, assistant pastor, Bible College Instructor, and cross-border missionary spanning 85+ countries. Nat presently resides near Cleveland, Ohio, and has been associated with various colleges,

mission organizations, and churches. His academic preparation includes a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree in Education.

## **COURSE FORMAT**

This directed study format enables you to receive college level instruction while studying at home. (Note, AIM Institute does not offer accredited college credits.) Course elements include:

- Weekly video assignments
- Required textbook reading assignments
- Contact time with the instructor and classmates by the means of a weekly Zoom debrief classroom.
- Study questions for your personal benefit as well as preparation for the weekly debrief but not to be turned in.
- Notes made available by the instructor. There will be blanks for students to fill in while watching videos.
- Course will be graded as pass or fail. Bear in mind your weekly preparation will have a direct bearing on how much you gain from the course.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

- The first of twelve Weekly Zoom Debriefs will begin on Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM (Eastern Standard Time) for 12 weeks, except September 27 and November 22
- You will receive a Zoom invite by email for each debrief.
- Preparation can be done at any time before the debrief.
- To maximize the use of your time, we will not cover information from the videos in the debrief unless there are questions.
- Completion of the course requires a project, a study on “Kingdom Teaching” drawn from Jesus’ parables.
- A complete schedule with weekly assignments and course project will be sent to you after you are registered.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- This is an intensive course; students should plan to participate in all class sessions.
- Complete all course reading, watch videos, and writing assignments.
- Complete course project.

## **TEXT**

- Holy Bible (Translation of your choice): read the Synoptic Gospels

- *“Encountering the New Testament (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition),”* by Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough (available on Amazon.com, be sure to order the correct edition)
  - Publisher: Baker Academic (2013) ISBN: 978-0-8010-3964-5
  - Hardcover: 430 pages, this textbook will be used for other AIM New Testament survey courses.

Online registration form is available at [CLICK HERE](#)

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