

Great Plains Lutheran High School
In the Steps of Jesus
2010-11

Course Length: Full Year

Frequency: M-F

Teacher: Pastor Nathanael Seelow

Credit: 1 hour

Grade Level: 10

Required or Elective: Required

Course Description:

After studying the creation of the world and God's formation of his people on earth, Israel, students will study the downfall of that great nation. Starting with Solomon and the golden age of Israel, students will study the downfall and demise of Israel and Judah. They will examine the political and economical scene as the world prepared itself for the arrival of its Savior. Students will then study a harmony of the four gospels, understanding the differences between the four accounts, and taking to heart the significance of the events that unfold within them.

Students will then study the impact of such an event on their own lives as they compare what God has done for them and what he says in his word to their lives and contemporary culture. As they begin to understand the true gospel, they will also examine other denominations and their messages, understanding the great gospel truth we have within our own church body.

Course Objectives:

The student will:

- Become familiar with and take to heart the culture and context in which Jesus lived, and realize the impact that Jesus' life had on them;
- Become knowledgeable with Treasured Bible Portions—portions of the Bible which can significantly apply to the students life;
- Continue to build on the base of memory passages which was learned in the LES or Sunday School the student attended;
- Evaluate and analyze contemporary issues in a teenager's life using what God says in his Word.
- Critically analyze and evaluate the teachings of other denominations of the Christian church.

Class Methods:

This course will employ a variety of teaching principles, including class participation, group work, student presentations, and lecture format. Lessons may include PowerPoint, YouTube, or other media. The students may be given daily assignments for further study and application of the lesson. The students will study and memorize a map of Palestine during the time of Jesus for *NT1: The Four Gospels*. Throughout the course of the year, the students will be expected to memorize and recall the books of the Bible, in order and spelled correctly. During some units, students will be assigned a 2-3 page essay/report on a topic pertinent to the unit at hand. A paper connected to *COR 6: Dealing with the Sins of Society* will be assigned during the early part of the 2nd semester.

This class will also make use of a classroom social network, *Schoology*. Students will be expected to utilize and familiarize themselves with this site, as well as participate in online discussions, blogs, assessments, and journals.

Course Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on information gained during general class discussions, notes, and application of the information presented. These evaluations will be employed by using periodic quizzes, tests, and assessments of learning. Daily work and class participation will be considered for marked grades as well. The final exam of each semester is comprehensive from the information, lessons, and memory work included in the entire semester.

It is understood that students come to class prepared to participate. The instructor reserves the right to modify the grade based on classroom preparation and participation.

Grades will be calculated using a straight points system. The grading scale is based on the scale provided in the GPLHS handbook.

Course Materials:

- NIV Bible (A Concordia Self-Study Bible® is preferred but is not required.)
- Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal
- Luther's Small Catechism
- The Christlight® curriculum, published by Northwestern Publishing House, will be used as the course outline and notes. The instructor will also be responsible for providing the students with maps and other resource information.

Course Structure:*Semester 1:*

- OT 7: Writings of Solomon
- OT 8: Divided Kingdom, Babylonian Captivity, Return from Exile, Intertestamental Period
- NT 1: The Four Gospels

Semester 2:

- GEN 1: Treasured Bible Portions 1
- COR 2: God's Gift of Sexuality
- COR 4: Building Good Relationships with Others
- COR 6: Dealing with the Sins of Society
- COR 8: Worship in a Teenager's Life
- COR 9: Should I Start Planning My Life Now?
- HIS 1: One Christ, Many Creeds - Denominations of the Christian Church

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