



Syllabus

THE 280: The Life of Christ

Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Based on the life of Christ as told in the Gospel of Mark, students will learn how the story of Jesus is cosmic and historical, yet personal, calling them to take a fresh look at their relationship with God. The overarching goal of this course is for students to engage Christ in such a way that an indelible imprint is left on each student's spiritual journey.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Evaluate the priorities of your life to determine if serving Christ is your highest priority;
- Illustrate how you are a new creation in Christ, no longer defined by past flaws or sins;
- Describe key events in the life of Christ;
- Summarize Jesus' teachings and explain how they apply to your life;
- Analyze the significance of Christ's sacrifice and how his sacrificial love should influence our actions;
- Explain the importance of the resurrection in the life of a believer;
- Quote from memory Mark 10:45.

REQUIRED READING

- *The Gospel of Mark*, preferably from the ESV.
- Study Guide: Exploring the Life and Death of Christ.
- McDowell, Josh and Sean McDowell. *More Than A Carpenter*. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale Momentum, 2009. Print.

ASSIGNMENTS and GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 60 points / 60% of grade)
The Study Guide consists of 6 units. You will answer a total of 60 short answer questions. While there is no word-length requirement for your answers, it is vital for you to review the "Scoring Rubric for Study Guide Responses" in the *Genesis Writer's Manual* to help ensure that your responses are clear and well-developed.
- *Assignment 1: Flawless* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
You will list your flaws, apply 2 Corinthians 5:17 to them, and reflect on God's powerful act of restoration he made available to you through the blood of Christ.

- **Assignment 2: Refuting Atheistic Arguments** (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
You will respond to five atheistic challenges against Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity, replying to each statement with a short response (one to two paragraphs) using information from *More Than A Carpenter*. Each response is worth 2 points.
- **Assignment 3: Encountering Christ** (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
Drawing from the assigned text, *More Than A Carpenter*, and the Gospel of Mark, you will write a 5-paragraph essay on the topic of life-changing experiences with Christ.
- **Final Exam** (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
The Final Exam consists of True/False questions and your Scripture Memory verse. The exam will help measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	60 points	60%
Flawless	10 points	10%
Refuting Atheistic Arguments	10 points	10%
Encountering Christ	10 points	10%
Final Exam	10 points	10%
Total	100 points	100%