

**WILL THE REAL JESUS PLEASE SHOW UP?
A STUDY IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST
COURSE SYLLABUS**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Illiana Bible Institute was created to support the Bible-based learning and leadership development of the local church. Its Bible based, church-oriented studies are creative and immediately practical for use in the student's life and in their church.

Meeting Time & Place

Camp Illiana, October 6 & 7, November 3 & 4, and December 1 & 2

Instructor

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Registration

These courses are open to all adults who have received a high school diploma or equivalent.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students come to know Jesus' purpose and significance by studying the major events and movements of His life as presented in the four gospels.

2-2-2 Format

Each class will meet at Camp Illiana's beautiful campus for one Saturday and Sunday per month for three consecutive months (a total of 3 Saturdays and 3 Sundays). In addition to this classroom instruction, assignments and readings may be required to be finished in the time between classes and possibly the weeks following the last class. This convenient format allows the students to avoid a weekly interruption in their schedules and allows them to study at times beneficial to them.

Attendance Policy

Because of the intense schedule, it is vital that students attend all three weekends. Excused absences are considered at the discretion of the instructor and will not count against the student. In the event that a student has an excused absence, the instructor reserves the right to assign extra homework and reading to make up for lecture time missed by the student. Unexcused absences will be detrimental to the student's grade.

Textbooks

Jesus Centered Bible, Group Publishing. Loveland, CO, 2015.

Moore, Mark E. The Chronological Life of Christ. Joplin, MO: College Press, 2007.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

Blomberg, Craig L., Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey, B& H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2009.

Foster, R. C. (January--1995). Studies in the Life of Christ: Introduction, the Early Period, the Middle Period, the Final Week. College Press Publishing Company. (1426 pages)

Stott, John. The Cross of Christ. InterVarsity Press.

Strobel, Lee. A Case for Christ. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1998.

Miller, Calvin. The Singer, The Song and The Finale

The Story – Zondervan Publishing Company

Assignments & Grading

1. Read through the Gospels: 20%

2. Textbook Reading 20%

Reading each section before our sessions is recommended. However, completion of all reading must be reported by 2 weeks after the last session.

Session 1: 11-110

Session 2: 111-491

Session 3: 492-688

3. Review a Movie: 20%

Review a movie which focuses on Jesus and submit a 2-page paper explaining how Jesus was depicted in the film. You may watch any film which is about Jesus (not just any biblical movie, e.g. The Ten Commandments). A few recommendations are listed below:

* Jesus Christ Superstar (starring Ted Neeley, 1973 musical)

Godspell (starring Victor Garber, 1973 musical with Jesus in New York City)

Jesus of Nazareth (starring Robert Powell, 1977)

* Jesus (sometimes called The Jesus Film) ... (starring Brian Deacon, 1979)

* The Visual Bible's, Matthew (starring Bruce Marchiano, 1993)

Jesus (starring Jeremy Sisto, 1999)

The Miracle Maker (2000 with mix of animation techniques)

* The Visual Bible's, The Gospel of John (starring Henry Ian Cusick, 2003)

The Passion of the Christ (starring Jim Caviezel, 2004)

* The Perfect Stranger (starring Pamela Brumley, 2005)

* Magdalena Released from Shame (starring Brian Deacon, 2006)

* Another Perfect Stranger (starring Ruby Marie Lewis, Jefferson Moore, 2007)

* The Encounter (starring Bruce Marchiano, 2010)

The Chronicles of Narnia (based on C.S. Lewis novels ... fantasy films which depicts Jesus as the Lion Aslan) The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (2005) Prince Caspian (2008) The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010)

* you can watch for FREE on www.youtube.com Note that sometimes YouTube has the movie labeled incorrectly, so be sure of what you are watching.

4. Lessons or Sermons 40%

Write an original, 4-6-week series of age-appropriate lessons or sermons based on a portion of the life and/or teachings of Jesus. These sermons/lessons must in manuscript form. An emphasis on student/crowd interaction and visuals will be expected. See attached sample. A video of you teaching one of the lessons must accompany your submission. An electronic copy of your material must be made available to the others in the class.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Saturday: Introduction and Early Ministry

8-8:30 Registration

8:30 Worship

9 Introduction and Background

- Introductions,
- Syllabus overview
- Map of Israel, Topography of Israel, Pictures from Israel
- Will the Real Jesus please show up?
- Jesus has always existed: Genesis 1: 26, John 1: 1-3
- Jesus prophesied from the beginning Genesis 3:15
- 4 Gospels: the harmony with different audiences.
- Christmas Quiz

10:45 The Birth and Boyhood

- Christmas Quiz Answers
- Two Family Trees
- Bethlehem: Beyond the Christmas Story.
- Christ's Birth: Matthew 1-2, Luke 2
- The Magi: Matthew 2:1-12
- Slaughter of the infants: Matthew 2: 13-18.
- From Egypt to Nazareth: Matthew 2: 19-23, Luke 2: 39
- Boyhood trip to Jerusalem Luke 2: 40-52

Lunch

1 Preparing The Way

- The religious Environment of Jesus' Day.
- John the Baptist: Matthew 3:1-16, Mark 1: 1-8, Luke 3: 7-23
- The two major significations of Jesus' Baptism
- Temptations of Christ & lessons for the people we teach: Matthew 4: 1-11, Mark 1: 12-13, Luke 4: 1-13
- Jesus identified as the Christ: John 1:29-34

2: 15 The Meaning of Discipleship

- Jesus chooses his first disciples. Matthew 10, John 1: 35-51
- What it means to be called a disciple? Luke 9: 57-62

3 Break

3:15 Early Ministry

- The Cana wedding and Jesus' first miracle. John 2: 1-11
- Why miracles?
- First cleansing of the temple: John 2:13-22
- Conversation with Nicodemus: John 2:23-3:21
- More of Jesus, less of me: John 3:22-36
- Rejection in Nazareth: Luke 4: 16-30
- First general tour of Galilee: Matthew 4:23-25 Mark 1: 35-39 Luke 4: 42-44

5 A Confrontational Jesus

- Call of Matthew and controversy: Matthew 9:9-13, Mark 2: 13-17, Luke 5: 27-32
- Fasting controversy: Matthew 9:14-17, Mark 2: 17-22, Luke 5: 33-39
- Healing at Bethesda controversy: John 5: 1-47
- Healing of the man with a withered hand controversy: Matthew 12: 9-14, Mark 3: 1-6, Luke 6: 6-11
- A New Kingdom – The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5:1-8:1
- Teaching in parables: Why then and why now? [Activity needed]: Matthew 13:36-53, Luke 9:57-62
- Jesus stops the storm: Matthew 8: 23-27, Mark 4: 35-41, Luke 8:22-25

6: 30 Supper

7:15 evening activities**Sunday****7:45 Breakfast****8:30 Worship & Communion – Reflections of a Covenant****9 Jesus wasn't political but there were politics around him.**

- Scene with Simon the Pharisee: Luke 7:36-50
- Blasphemous Charge: Matthew 12:20-37, Mark 3: 19-30
- Scribes and Pharisees want a sign: Matthew 12: 38-45
- Jesus' mother and brothers: Matthew 12: 46-50 Mark 3: 31-35 Luke 8: 19-21
- Feeding of the five thousand: Mat. 14: 13-21 Mark 6: 30-44, Luke 9: 10-17 John 6: 1-14
- Jesus refusing the crown & Walking on Water: Matthew 14: 22-33, Mark 6: 45-52. John 6: 15-21
- Collapse of Galilean campaign because of Jesus' refusal to be a political Messiah: John 6: 22-71

10:30 Lordship

- Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi: Who do you say I am? [PIX of Caesarea Philippi]: Matthew 16: 13-20 Mark 8: 27-30 Luke 9: 18-21

NOON Lunch**1 A Peek at the Plan**

- First distinct prediction of His death: Matthew 16:21-28, Mark 8:31-9:1, Luke 9:22-27
- Transfiguration: Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9: 9-13, Luke 9: 36
- Healing of a demoniac boy: Matthew 17:14-20, Mark 9: 14-29, Luke 9: 37-43a
- Third prediction of His death: Matthew 17:22,23, Mark 9:30-32, Luke 9: 43b-45

2: 15 How to handle hurt and conflict

- The question of stumbling blocks: Matthew 18:6-14, Mark 9: 42-50
- Mistreatment and forgiveness: Matthew 18: 15-35
- End of Early [Galilean] Ministry
- Review of Assignments

3 End of Session

Second Saturday: Later Judean Ministry

8-8:30 Registration

8:30 Worship

9 How Are We Then to Live?

- Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles: John 7: 11-52
- Discussion about the woman taken in adultery: John 7: 53-8:11
- Sermon on light of the world: John 8:12-59

10:45 Jesus' Authority

- Light of the world (cont.)
- Jesus heals a man born blind: John 9:1-41
- Sermon of the good shepherd: John 10: 1-21
- The mission of the seventy: Luke 10:1-24
- Sermon of the good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-27

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1 Relational Prayer

- Jesus and Mary and Martha: Luke 10:38-42
- Discourse on prayer: Luke 11:1-13

2: 15 Expect Confrontation...Be Bold

- Discussion of the charge that Jesus was in league with the devil: Luke 14-36
- Denunciation of the Pharisees: Luke 11: 37-54
- Disciples warned against fear of men: Luke 12: 1-12
- The parable of the rich fool: Luke12:13-21

3:15 Pro-Active Discipleship

- Exhortation to trust in God: Luke 12: 22-34
- Watchfulness: Parable of the waiting servants and wise steward: Luke 12:35-59
- Discourse of repentance: Luke13: 1-9
- Discussion of healing on the Sabbath and of the coming Kingdom: Luke 13: 10-21
- Jesus at the Feast of Dedication: John 10: 22-39

5 The Importance of Knowing Jesus

- Retirement from Jerusalem to Perea: John 10: 40-42
- Discussions in Perea: Luke 13: 22-35
- Healing in a Pharisee's home on the Sabbath: Luke 14: 1-24

6: 30 Supper

7:15 Evening Activities

Second Sunday: Middle Ministry

7:45 Breakfast

8:30 Worship – Reflections on the Body of Christ - Communion

9 Teaching through Parables

- Parables of the lost sheep, coin and son: Luke 15: 1-32
- Parable of the unjust steward: Luke 16: 1-13
- The rich man and Lazarus [What happens after I die?]: Luke 16: 14-31
- Parable of the unprofitable servant: Luke 17: 1-10

10:30 High Drama and Intrigue

- The raising of Lazarus John 11: 1-44
- Plots to kill Jesus John 11: 45-54

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1 Acceptance and Responsibility of the Family Business

- Jesus and the little children: Matthew 19: 13-15 Mark 10: 13-16 Luke 18: 15-17
- The rich young ruler: Matthew 19: 16-22 Mark 10: 17-22 Luke 18: 18-23
- Discussion of the peril of riches and the reward of the disciples: Matthew 19: 23-30
Mark 10: 23-31 Luke 18: 24-30
- Parable of laborers in the vineyard: Matthew 20: 1-16

2: 15 To Know Jesus is to be Changed – Keeping It Real -v- Real Christianity

- Another prediction of death of Jesus: Matthew 20: 17-19 Mark 10: 32-34 Luke 18: 31-34
- Rebuke of James & John for asking the chief honors: Matthew 20: 20-28 Mark 10: 35-45
- Healing of the blind men of Jericho: Matthew 20: 29-34 Mark 10: 46-52 Luke 18: 35-43
- Jesus and Zacchaeus: John 19: 1-10

3 End of Session

- End of Jesus' public ministry
- Review Assignments

Third Saturday: Final Week

8-8:30 Registration

8:30 Worship – Songs about Jesus

9 Triumphal Tears

- Arrival at Bethany: John 1: 55-12: 1, 9-11
- Anointing of Jesus by Mary: Matthew 26:6-13 Mark 14: 3-9 John 12: 2-8
- The triumphal entry: Matthew 21: 1-11 Mark 11:1-11 Luke 19:29-44 John 12: 12-19

10:45 Hard Truths

- Cursing of the fig tree: Second cleansing of the temple: Matthew 21: 18,19,12-17 Mark 11:12-18 Luke 19:45-48
- Discussion about the withered fig tree: Matthew 21: 20-22 Mark 11:19-25 Luke 21:37,38
- The authority of Jesus challenged by His enemies: Matthew 21: 23-27 Mark 11: 27-33 Luke 20: 1-9
- The parable of the two sons: Matthew 21: 28-32
- The parable of the vineyard: Matthew 21: 33-46 Mark 12:1-12 Luke 20: 9-19
- The parable of the wedding garment: Matthew 22: 1-14
- The question of tribute to Caesar: Matthew 22: 15-22 Mark 12: 13-17 Luke 20:20-26
- The question of the resurrection: Matthew 22: 23-33 Mark 12: 18-27 Luke 20: 27-40

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1 Lifting Up the Light

- The question of the greatest commandment: Matthew 22: 34-40 Mark 12:34
- The question about the Son of David: Matthew 22: 41-46 Mark 12: 35-37 Luke 20: 41-44
- Denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees: Matthew 23: 1-39 Mark 12: 38-40 Luke 20: 45-47
- The widow's mite: Mark 12:41-44 Luke 21:1-4
- Sermon on significance of life and death: John 12: 20-50

2: 15 Judgement

- Prediction of Jerusalem's fall & the 2nd coming: Matthew 4: 1-51 Mark 13:1-37, Luke 21:5-36
- Parable of the ten virgins: Matthew 25:1-13
- Parable of the talents: Matthew 25: 14-30
- Discussion of the final judgment: Matthew 25: 31-46
- Fifth prediction of Jesus' death: Matthew 26: 1-5 Mark 14: 1,2 Luke 22: 1,2
- The plot of Judas to betray Jesus: Matthew 26: 14-16 Mark 14:10,11 Luke 22: 3-6

3:15 A Somber Seder

- Have the elements of a Seder in front of the students.
- Preparation of the Passover meal: Matthew 26: 17-19 Mark 14:12-16 Luke 22: 7-13
- The Passover meal: Matthew 26:20 Mark 14:17 Luke 22:14-16, 24-30
- The disciples' feet washed by Jesus: John 13:1-20
- Have the students wash each other's feet.
- Judas pointed out as the traitor: Matthew 26:21-25 Mark 14:18-21 Luke 22:21-23 John 13:21-30
- The disciples warned: Matthew 26:31-35 Mark 14: 27-31 Luke 22:31-38 John 13:31-38
- The Lord's Supper instituted (1 Cor. 11: 23-26): Matthew 26:26-29 Mark 14:22-25 Luke 22:17-20

5 The Beginning of the End

- Jesus farewell discourse: John 14:1-31
- The parable of the vine: John 15:1-27
- Further solemn instruction: John 16: 1-33
- The prayer of Jesus: John 17: 1-26
- The garden agony: Matthew 26: 30, 36-46 Mark 14:26, 32-34 Luke 22: 39-46 John 18:1

6: 30 Supper**7:15 to lights out could include evening activities****Activity: Risen**

Third Sunday: Final Week

7:45 Breakfast

8:30 Worship: Reflections on the Blood of Christ - Communion

9 A Real Arrest for Fake Trials

- The arrest: Matthew 26:36-46 Mark 14:26,32-34 Luke 22:39-46 John 18:1
- The trial before Annas: Matthew 26:47-56 Mark 14:43-52 Luke 22: 47-53 John 18:2-12
- The trial before Caiaphas: Matthew 26:57, 59-68 Mark 14:53, 55-65 Luke 22: 54, 63-65 John 18: 24
- The denials of Peter: Matthew 26:58, 69-75 Mark 14: 54, 66-72 Luke 22:54-62 John 18:15-18, 25-27
- The final condemnation by the Sanhedrin: Matthew 27: 1 Mark 15:1 Luke 22: 66-71
- The death of Judas: Matthew 27: 3-10 Acts 1:18,19
- First trial before Pilate: Matthew 27:2, 11-14 Mark 15: 2-5 Luke 23: 1-5 John 18: 28-38
- Jesus before Herod: Luke 23:6-12
- The second trial before Pilate: Matthew 27:15-26 Mark 15:6-15 Luke 23: 13-25 John 18:39-19:16

10:30 The Death of Death

- The torture by the Roman soldiers: Matthew 27: 27-30 Mark 15: 16-19
- The way to Golgotha: Matthew 27:31-34 Mark 15: 20-23 Luke 23: 26-33 John 19: 16, 17
- The death of Christ: Matthew 27: 35-50 Mark 15: 24-37 Luke 23: 33-46 John 19: 18:30
- Alternative theories about the death of Christ.
- Miracles accompanying the death of Christ: Matthew 27: 38-41 Mark 15: 38-41 Luke 23:45, 47-49
- The burial: Matthew 27: 57-60 Mark 15: 42-46 Luke 23: 50-54 John 19: 31-42
- The watch at the tomb: Matthew 27: 61-66 Mark 15:47 Luke 23:55,56

NOON Lunch

1 ¹ **CORINTHIANS 15:14** And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."

- The resurrection of Christ Matthew 28: 1-8 Mark 16: 1-8 Luke 24:1-8 John 20: 1

- The report of the women and the visit of Peter and John Luke 24: 9-12 John 20: 2-10
- The appearance to Mary Mark 16: 9-11 John 20: 11-18
- The appearance to the other women Matthew 28: 9, 10
- The report of the Roman guard 28: 11-15
- The appearance to the two disciples Mark 16:12,13 Luke 24: 13-32
- The report of the two: Appearance to Peter (1 Cor. 15: 5) Luke 24: 33-35
- Appearance to the ten Mark 16: 14 Luke 24: 36-43 John20: 19-25
- Appearance to the eleven (1 Cor. 15: 5) John 20:26-31
- Appearance to seven by the Sea of Galilee John 21: 1-23

2: 15 The Proof of Life & Final Orders

- Appearance to five hundred: The Great Commission: 1 Corinthians 15: 6, Matthew 28: 16-20
- The appearance to James (1 Cor. 15: 7)
- Appearance to the disciples with further commission (Acts 1: 3-8): Luke 24: 44-49
- The ascension (Acts 1: 9-12): Mark 16:19, 20 Luke 24: 50-53
- End of Session – The Epilogue: John 21: 24,25
- Final assignments due 3 weeks from today.