



Syllabus

Course: Mastering the English Bible: The Gospels

Credit Hours: 3

Instructor: David W. Cloud

Videos and Pictorial Bible PowerPoints for this course can be found on the Media List at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Class Description: *MASTERING THE ENGLISH BIBLE* is our most comprehensive Bible course. It is an in-depth survey of the Old and New Testaments, covering Bible history and every book of the Bible. *Mastering the English Bible* is for beginning Bible students as well as for advanced ones. It is for youngsters (teens and above) and oldsters. It is for individuals, homes, and churches. It is nearly a complete Bible college curriculum in one course. The aim is to educate the student in Bible history, Bible times (e.g., Egypt, ancient Babylon, the Hittites, Assyria, neo-Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome), Bible interpretation, Bible doctrine, Bible terms, Bible geography, Bible typology (e.g., the Passover, the Tabernacle, the Levitical Priesthood, the Levitical offerings), Bible culture, Bible biography, Bible archaeology, and Bible prophecy. The course aims to give the student a broad comprehension of the Bible as a whole. The Bible is one Book that was planned by God in eternity before it was given to the holy prophets, and understanding the big picture is necessary to rightly understand the parts. We teach the student to see Christ everywhere in Scripture. *Mastering the English Bible* is practical throughout. Bible teaching does not accomplish God's will until it produces born again salvation and holy living (2 Ti. 3:16-17). We emphasize the believer's life as a priest (1 Pe. 2:5), pilgrim (1 Pe. 2:11), ambassador (2 Co. 5:20), builder of the New Testament church (1 Co. 3:9-15), builder of the home (Eph. 5:22 - 6:4), teacher (Heb. 5:12-14), spiritual warrior (Eph. 6:10-19), and minister of spiritual gifts (Ro. 12:3-8). *Mastering the English Bible* is a package that consists of class videos, textbooks, PowerPoints, syllabi, student assignments, review questions, tests, and test scores. The course is divided into 11 parts: 01 Old Testament History Genesis to the Silent Years, 02 Job and Psalms, 03 Proverbs, Song, Ecclesiastes, 05 The Gospels, 06 Acts, 07 Romans to Corinthians, 08 Galatians to Thessalonians, 09 The Pastoral Epistles, 10 The General Epistles, 11 Revelation. *Mastering the English Bible* is accompanied by **THE WAY OF LIFE PICTORIAL BIBLE**, which is an extensive series of multimedia PowerPoints packed with detailed maps, historical backgrounds, treasures from archaeology, Bible pictures, reconstructive drawings, video clips, and other visual aids. Many of these were captured by the author in the best archaeological and history museums in America and abroad, plus research trips to Israel, Greece, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Europe, and England.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

Mastering the English Bible: The Gospels by David Cloud, 291 pages, November 2022.

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the importance of each of the four Gospels.
2. Appreciate the four-fold portrait of Christ gained by all four Gospels.

3. Identify key geographical locations surrounding Christ's life and ministry.
4. Refute misinterpreted passages in the Gospels.
5. Explain the key events in the life of Christ.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (6) – 60%

Quizzes (10) – 20%

Projects (2) – 20%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *Mastering the English Bible: The Gospels* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students go through all of the Pictorial Bible PowerPoint slides.

Outcome 3. Students watch all videos for the course and take diligent notes.

Outcome 4. Students memorize the books of the Bible and important verses from the Gospels.

Outcome 5. Students take tests over the material read and covered in class.

Outcome 6. Students make an outline for the book of Matthew and also study important passages in the Gospels referring to angels.

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments three times every week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The assignments for this option combine two of the assignments from the slower pace option into one day so that the student can complete the class in a month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Introduction/ The Four Gospels Introduction
- 2 Introduction to the Individual Gospels/ The Life of Christ
- 3 Christ's Birth, Childhood, and Youth/ **Test 1**/ John's Baptism/ Jesus' First Miracle
- 4 Early Ministry in Judea/ Jesus in Samaria/ Early Ministry in Galilee
- 5 Early Ministry in Galilee
- 6 Early Ministry in Galilee/ **Test 2**/ Jesus' Second Passover in Jerusalem/ Returns to Galilee
- 7 Returns to Galilee
- 8 **Test 3 (Midterm)**/ Tyre and Sidon/ Return to Galilee from Tyre/ Caesarea Philippi/ Return to Galilee from Caesarea Philippi/ Jerusalem Feast of Tabernacles
- 9 Final Teaching Tour

- 10 **Test 4/** Ministry in Perea/ In Jericho/ From Jericho to Jerusalem/ Jerusalem the Passion Week
- 11 Jerusalem the Passion Week
- 12 Jerusalem the Passion Week/ **Test 5/** Jerusalem the Passion Week
- 13 Jerusalem the Passion Week
- 14 Jerusalem the Passion Week
- 15 Jerusalem the Passion Week/ **Test 6 (Final)**

Weeks**Assignment**

Weeks	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
1	Pages 1-7 Video 1: Series Introduction	Pages 7-12 Video 2: Series Introduction, Pt 2	Pages 13-22 Video 3: The Four Gospels Introduction Quiz 1—Books of the Bible
2	Pages 23-30 Video 4: Christ's Pre-Existence	Pages 31-38 Video 5: Christ's Birth and Youth	Pages 38-46 Video 6: Christ's Birth and Youth <i>pictorial</i> Quiz 2—Matthew 1:23
3	Pages 46-52 Video 7: Christ Begins His Ministry	Test 1— (over pgs. 1-52 and PPT 24) Video 8: Christ's Early Ministry <i>Watch video after the test</i>	Pages 52-59 Video 9: Christ's Early Ministry <i>pictorial</i>
4	Pages 59-69 Video 10: Jesus in Samaria	Pages 69-72 Video 11: Christ Begins Preaching	Pages 73-80 Video 12: Sermon on the Mount Video 13: Sermon on the Mount, Pt 2 Quiz 3—Mark 10:45
5	Pages 80-87 Video 14: Sermon on the Mount, Pt 3 Video 15: Sermon on the Mount, Pt 4	Pages 87-94 Video 16: Sermon on the Mount, Pt 5 Video 17: Sermon on the Mount, Pt 6	Pages 94-101 Video 18: Christ's Miracles Video 19: Christ's Miracles, Pt 2 Quiz 4—Luke 9:51
6	Pages 101-108 Video 20: Christ's Ministry on the Sea of Galilee Video 21: Jesus' 2 nd Passover in Jerusalem	Test 2— (Overs pgs. 52-108 and PPTs 25-30)	Pages 108-115 Video 22: Christ <u>Commissions Apostles</u> Video 23: Christ Commissions Apostles, Pt 2

7	Pages 115-123 Video 24: Christ Praises John and Rebukes Israel Video 25: Christ is Rejected by Israel	Pages 123-131 Video 26: Mysteries of the Kingdom Video 27: Mysteries of the Kingdom, Pt 2	Pages 132-139 Video 28: Christ, The Bread of Life Video 29: Jesus Rebukes the Pharisees Quiz 5—John 8:58
8	Test 3—Midterm <i>(Over pgs. 1-139 and PPTs 24-32)</i> Pages 139-148 Video 30: Christ's Galilee Ministry <i>pictorial</i> <i>Do reading and watch video after the test</i>	Pages 148-155 Video 31: Jesus in Caesarea Philippi Video 32: Christ's 2 nd Passover in Jerusalem <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 155-162 Video 33: Christ Returns to Galilee Video 34: Christ Describes Church Discipline Quiz 6—Matthew 20:28
9	Pages 163-170 Video 35: Christ's Final Teaching Tour Video 36: James and John Call Down Fire	Pages 171-180 Video 37: Luke's Parables Video 38: Luke's Parables, Pt 2	Video 39: Jesus' Ministry in Perea Video 40: Jesus' Ministry in Perea, Pt 2 Video 41: Jesus' Ministry in Perea, Pt 3 Quiz 7—Mark 10:27
10	Test 4— <i>(Overs pgs. 139-180 and PPT 33)</i>	Pages 180-188 Video 42: Christ from Jericho to Jerusalem	Pages 188-195 Video 43: The Passion Week
11	Pages 195-203 Video 44: The Passion Week, Pt 2	Pages 203-213 Video 45: Christ's Prophesies His Second Coming	Pages 213-221 Video 46: The Lord's Supper Quiz 8—Luke 24:27
12	Pages 221-226 Video 47: Teaching on the way to Gethsemane	Test 5— <i>(Over pgs. 180-226 and PPT 34)</i>	Pages 227-234
13	Pages 234-240 Matthew Outline	Pages 240-247	Pages 247-252 Quiz 9—John 1:1-2
14	Pages 252-257 Video 48: Christ's Crucifixion	Pages 257-262 Video 49: Christ's Trial, Crucifixion, Resurrection <i>pictorial</i>	Pages 262-267 Quiz 10—Matthew 26:39
15	Pages 267-271 Angel Project	Pages 271-275	Test 6— Final <i>(Over pgs. 1-275 and PPTs 24-35)</i>

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1	Pages 1-22 Video 1 Video 2 Video 3	Pages 23-46 Video 4 Video 5 Video 6 Quiz 1— Books of the Bible	Pages 46-69 Video 7 Video 8 Video 9	Test 1— <i>over pgs.1-52 and PPT 24</i> Pages 69-72 Video 10 Video 11	Pages 73-80 Video 12 Video 13	Pages 80-87 Video 14 Video 15 Quiz 2— Mat. 1:23
2	Pages 87-94 Video 16 Video 17 Quiz 3— Mark 10:45	Pages 94-101 Video 18 Video 19	Pages 101-108 Video 20 Video 21 Quiz 4— Luke 9:51	Test 2— <i>over pgs. 52-108 and PPTs 25-30</i> Pages 108-115 Video 22 Video 23	Pages 115-123 Video 24 Video 25 Video 26	Pages 123-139 Video 27 Video 28 Video 29 Quiz 5— Jn. 8:58
3	Test 3— Mid-term <i>Over pgs.1-139 and PPTs 24-32</i> Pages 139-148 Video 30 Video 31	Pages 148-155 Video 32 Video 33 Video 34 Quiz 6— Mat. 20:28	Pages 155-170 Video 35 Video 36 Video 37	Pages 171-180 Video 38 Video 39 Video 40 Video 41 Quiz 7— Mark 10:27	Test 4— <i>Overs pages 139-180 and PPT 33</i> Pages 180-188 Video 42 Video 43	Pages 188-213 Video 44 Video 45
4	Pages 213-226 Video 46 Video 47 Quiz 8— Luke 24:27	Test 5— <i>Over pages 180-226 and PPT 34</i> Pages 227-234	Pages 234-252 Quiz 9— John 1:1-2	Pages 252-267 Video 48 Video 49 Matthew Outline	Pages 267-275 Quiz 10— Mat. 26:39	Test 6— Final <i>Over pages 1-275 and PPTs 24-35</i> Angel Project

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Videos**

The student is required to watch *Mastering the English Bible: The Gospels* videos. He must have the reading completed before the video is to be watched along with any quizzes submitted. He must take diligent notes during these video sessions. **Note: there are many days the student will be required to watch multiple videos, he must pay careful attention to the syllabus to know which videos to watch on which given day.

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments each day and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions before each lesson begins.

- **Pictorial Bible PowerPoint Slides**

The student will also be responsible to look over all of the Pictorial Bible PowerPoint slides *on his own*, in addition to watching the slides on the videos. The student should view the slides in conjunction with his daily reading. The review questions and tests will include these slides, so it is important the student look over them and study them.

- **Quizzes (10)**

Quizzes will be given on ten Fridays (*for the slower-pace option*) throughout the semester. The first quiz will be over the **Books of the Bible**. The student will need to write out all 66 books from memory. The remaining 9 quizzes will be **verse quizzes**. The student must write out the verses completely from memory.

- **Projects (2)**

- **Matthew Outline**

For this project, the student will need to outline the Gospel of Matthew. In order to do this project, the student will need to read through the book of Matthew several times to gain a broad overview of the book and its teachings. As the student reads, he should write down the main events and themes of the book. Once the student has gained a thorough overview of the book, he should organize his notes into an outline that will be turned in.

- **Angel Project**

The second project the student is required to complete is a study on angels. The student should find every passage of angelic visitations in **Matthew, Luke, and Acts** and list the major lessons from each passage including the name of the angel (if given), who they appeared to, and the context of their visit.

- **Tests (6)**

There will be a total of six tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions and questions over the Pictorial Bible PowerPoints, the tests will include a section of short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Tests 1, 2, 4, and 5 will not be cumulative, while the midterm (Test 3) and final (Test 6) will cover all previously learned material as well as any new material.

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