

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Department of History
Semester II, 1986-87

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
572 (section 1)	Undergraduate Studies in European History	Mr. Clover

COURSE DESCRIPTION

As a historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth is elusive because the earliest testimony about him is sparse or one-sided, and because he is a figure of differing importances for three great religious communities in today's world--Judaism, Christianity and Islam. It is therefore difficult and challenging to study his origins, career and teachings.

FORMAT

The weekly meeting times (Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.) will be used primarily to present reports on assigned topics. Each report will take up approximately one hour. Students should plan to use one-half of the hour to present the report, so that the other half-hour can be spent in discussion of the topic at hand. A schedule of reports should be available by the second week of the term.

While participants are preparing their reports, they will select a term paper topic--preferably one which concerns the subject of the colloquium--by the third week of the term. They will hand in a first draft of the term paper by Friday of the ninth week of the term, and a second draft (revised in accordance with the instructor's comments and the student's own second thoughts) by the day and hour assigned in the timetable for the final examination. The suggested maximum length of the second draft: between ten and twenty pages.

GRADING SYSTEM

First draft of paper 30%, second draft 35%, discussion section reports 35% of final grade.

READINGS

- &M\$ M. Cary and H. Scullard, A HISTORY OF ROME. 3rd ed.
- *M\$ THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE.
- *M\$ E. H. Pagels, THE Gnostic GOSPELS.
- %\$ E. J. Bickerman, FROM EZRA TO THE LAST OF THE MACCABEES.
- %\$ CHENOBOSKION MANUSCRIPTS: THE NAG HAMMADI LIBRARY IN ENGLISH.
- %\$ M. R. James, THE APOCRYPHAL NEW TESTAMENT.
- *M\$ Flavius Josephus, THE JEWISH WAR. Tr. E. Smallwood. Viking Penguin/
Penguin Paperback.

- *%\$ THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS IN ENGLISH. Tr. G. Vermes. Viking Penguin/
Penguin Paperback.
- *%\$ THE APOCRYPHA. Tr. E. Goodspeed. Random House/Vintage Paperback.
- &%\$ G. Vermes, JESUS THE JEW. Fortress Press/Paperback.
- &%\$ E. Schurer, HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF JESUS. Ed. N.
Glazer. Schocken Books/Paperback.
- #\$ J. M. Allegro, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS. Viking Penguin/Penguin Paperback.
- #\$ Philo Judaeus, ON THE EMBASSY TO GAIUS (Volume 10 of the Loeb Classical
Library edition of Philo/Harvard University Press).
- #\$ TACITUS: THE ANNALS OF IMPERIAL ROME. Tr. M. Grant. Viking/Penguin
Penguin Paperback.
- #\$ TACITUS: THE HISTORIES. Tr. K. Wellesley. Viking Penguin/Penguin
Paperback.

* required purchase available at the bookstores; & optional purchase (book-
stores); % available 3-hour reserve in H.C. White (no. 1191); # available
3-day reserve in H.C. White (no. 1191); \$ available but non-circulating in
History Library (4257 Humanities, weekdays 8:30-11:30 a.m., 1-3:30 p.m.)

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REPORT TOPICS

Each report contains citations of a number of books and/or journals. Start your search on the second floor of the Memorial Library, which contains a central catalogue of the UW-Madison Library System.

Some of the books listed below are ALSO available as course texts and/or reserve readings. These have been marked with asterisks, etc. Consult the list of readings in the basic course syllabus for a guide to these signs.

REPORT NO. 1: THE PROPHETIC TRADITION IN HEBRAIC SOCIETY

%% BIBLE. OT. ENGLISH. JERUSALEM BIBLE -- The Book of Jeremiah. Use the Jerusalem Bible translation, or any other edition/translation of The Bible.

Johannes Lindblom, PROPHECY IN ANCIENT ISRAEL.

Using the Book of Jeremiah as your principal source, try to identify not only a Hebrew Prophet's concerns, but the methods the Prophet used to proclaim teachings to the Hebrew public.

REPORT NO. 2: APOCALYPSE IN HELLENISTIC JUDAISM

%% BIBLE. OT. ENGLISH. JERUSALEM BIBLE -- The Book of Daniel. Use the Jerusalem Bible translation, or any other edition/translation of the Bible.

*%\$ THE APOCRYPHA (tr. E. Goodspeed) -- The Second Book of Esdras.

David S. Russell, THE METHOD AND MESSAGE OF JEWISH APOCALYPTIC.

What were the principal causes and characteristics of Jewish Apocalyptic during the Hellenistic Era?

REPORT NO. 3: THE HASMONAEAN ROYAL HOUSE UNDER CAESAR

AUGUSTUS

&%\$ E. Schu"rer, A HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF JESUS, pp. 3-120 (esp. 9-11)-- on the early Hasmonaëans.

A. H. M. Jones, THE HERODS OF JUDAEA.

What was the position of Herod the Great in relation to the Roman Empire, and in relation to the inhabitants of Judaea? Who succeeded Herod after he died? How long did Herod's successors continue to rule as client kings after Herod's death?

REPORT NO. 4: THE SADDUCEES IN JUDAIC SOCIETY

&%\$ E. Schu"rer, A HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF JESUS -- index, s.v. "Sadducees."

William W. Buehler, THE PRE-HERODIAN CIVIL WAR AND SOCIAL DEBATE -- index, s.v. "Sadducees."

What were the functions and position of the Sadducees in first-century Judaic society?

REPORT NO. 5: THE PHARISEES IN JUDAIC SOCIETY

Louis Finkelstein, THE PHARISEES; OR Jacob Neusner, THE PHARISEES.

What were the functions and position of the Pharisees in first-century Judaic society?

REPORT NO. 6: THE ESSENES IN JUDAIC SOCIETY

*%\$ G. Vermes (tr.), THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS IN ENGLISH, esp. pp. 11-148.

#\$ J. Allegro, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS.

What is the relation between the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Essenes? What were the principal beliefs and practices of the Qumran Community?

REPORT NO. 7: THE ZEALOTS IN JUDAIC SOCIETY

*%\$ Flavius Josephus, THE JEWISH WAR, Penguin

translation pp. 240-306.

W. R. Farmer, MACCABEES, ZEALOTS AND JOSEPHUS.

What is the relation between the Maccabees (i.e. the early Hasmonean rebels against Seleucid Syria) and the Zealots? What were the principal beliefs and practices of the Zealots?

REPORT NO. 8: THE PROPHETIC TRADITION, CONTINUED; SOME FIRST-CENTURY PROPHETS

Flavius Josephus, JEWISH ANTIQUITIES (Loeb Classical Library translation), Book 20, Chapters 97 and 169-70; *%\$ THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE, Acts of the Apostles 5: 36, 8:9-25, and 21:38.

In general, see &%\$ G. Vermes, JESUS THE JEW.

Who were Theudas, Judas the Galilaeen, the "Egyptian", and Simon the Magician? To what extent did their behavior resemble that of Jesus of Nazareth?

REPORT NO. 9: JESUS' ANCESTRY; THE TESTIMONIES OF MATTHEW AND LUKE

*%\$ THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE, Gospel according to Matthew 1: 1-17 and Gospel according to Luke 3: 23-38.

Make a list of the names of Jesus' ancestors, as announced in Matthew and Luke. In the case of Luke, go only as far back as King David. First, compare and contrast the two lineages. To what extent do they differ from and resemble one another? Next, keep your list handy, and check each name in the ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA, keeping also at hand (for ready reference on the history of the ancient Hebrews) W. L. Langer, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WORLD HISTORY (5th ed.), pp. 42-46, 93-95. What else do we know about the ancestry Matthew and Luke ascribe to Jesus? What is the significance of these two lineages?

REPORT NO. 10: JESUS' ANCESTRY; ELIZABETH AND MIRIAM (MARY)

*%\$ THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE, Gospel

according to Luke 1: 5, 36. On the Aaronite Priesthood, see %\$ BIBLE. OT. ENGLISH. JERUSALEM BIBLE -- 1 Chronicles 24: 1-18; JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, Volume 6 (1904-5), pp. 161-186 (an article by R. H. Kennet, on request through Interlibrary Loan); and Frank L. Cross (ed.), THE OXFORD DICTIONARY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, second edition, s.v. "Aaron."

What further information about Jesus' ancestry does Luke offer in the passages cited above? What is the significance of this information?

REPORT NO. 11: JOHN THE BAPTIST

*%\$ THE NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE -- Gospel according to Matthew 3:4-12, 7:15-20, 9:14-17, 11:2-15, 14:3-12, 16:13-14, 21:23-26, and Acts of the Apostles 18:24 through 19:7; Flavius Josephus, JEWISH ANTIQUITIES (Loeb Classical Library edition), Book 18, Chapter 5, Section 2.

On John's possible connections with the Mandaeans and the Essenes, see George R. S. Mead, THE Gnostic JOHN THE BAPTIZER, and # \$ John M. Allegro, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, pp. 157-159. In general, see Charles H. H. Scobie, JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Read carefully the ancient accounts cited above before you consult the modern critiques of the evidence. Who was John the Baptist? How did he die? Did his followers disperse after his death? Was John connected with the Essenes and the followers of Jesus of Nazareth? What is the importance of John for the Mandaean community?

REPORT NO. 12: JESUS, THE ESSENES AND THE ZEALOTS

Samuel G. F. Brandon, JESUS AND THE ZEALOTS; R. Eisenman, MACCABEES, ZADOKITES, CHRISTIANS AND QUMRAN.

To what extent do the teachings and practices of Jesus and his immediate followers resemble those of the Essenes and the Zealots?

REPORT NO. 13: A GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF JESUS' MINISTRY

*%\$ NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE -- Gospels according to Mark and Luke; and \$ John Rogerson, ATLAS OF THE BIBLE (presently available only in the History Library, 4257 Humanities Bldg.).

Using the Gospels according to Mark and Luke, construct a sketch (including a map) of the locations of Jesus' ministry, together with a rough chronology of his travels. What does Jesus' itinerary suggest about the principles and goals of his teachings?

REPORT NO. 14: THE EARLY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AND THE PHARISEES

Signs of opposition: *%\$ NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE -- Matthew 15:1-9, 16:1-12, 22:15-22, 23:13-36, Luke 11:37-54, 18:9-14, Acts 5: 34-40.

Signs of a confluence of beliefs (e.g. in the afterlife): consult Asher Finkel, THE PHARISEES AND THE TEACHER OF NAZARETH; and John W. Bowker, JESUS AND THE PHARISEES.

Were Jesus and the early Christians at odds with or on friendly terms with the Pharisees?

REPORT NO. 15: A GUEST PRESENTATION BY PROFESSOR HERBERT HOWE, DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS (TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED).

REPORT NO. 16: ROMAN ATTITUDES; CORNELIUS TACITUS

On the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, read selectively in #\$ Tacitus, ANNALS OF IMPERIAL ROME, Books 1-6; and consult Robin Seager, TIBERIUS.

On Tacitus' attitude toward Jews and Christians, read #\$ Tacitus, HISTORIES, Book 5, Chapters 1-13 (pp. 271-279 in the Penguin translation; note especially the remarks on Tiberius' reign at the top of p. 277); and #\$ Tacitus, ANNALS OF IMPERIAL ROME, Book 15, Chapter 44 (p. 354 of the Penguin translation, with William H. C. Frend, MARTYRDOM AND PERSECUTION IN THE EARLY CHURCH, on the Emperor Nero's persecution of the Christians).

What was Tacitus' attitude toward Judaic society, including the Christian community?

REPORT NO. 17: ROMAN ATTITUDES; THE EMPEROR GAIUS' (CALIGULA'S) INTERVENTION

*%\$ Flavius Josephus, JEWISH WAR, pp. 139-141 (Penguin translation);#\$ Philo of Alexandria, THE EMBASSY TO GAIUS (Volume 10 of the Loeb Classical Library); &%\$ Emil Schu"rer, A HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF JESUS, pp. 202-210.

What does the Emperor Gaius' intervention in Judaea reveal about Roman attitudes toward Judaic society?

REPORT NO. 18: THE TRIAL OF JESUS

*%\$ NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE -- Matthew 26:47 through 27:26; Mark 14:43 through 15:15; Luke 22:47 through 23:25; John 18:1 through 19:16.

On Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee, see &%\$ E. Schu"rer, HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE TIME OF JESUS, pp. 167-176. On Pontius Pilate, see *%\$ Flavius Josephus, JEWISH WAR, pp. 138-139 and L'ANNE'E E'PIGRAPHIQUE, year 1963, no. 104 (Call for help if you don't read French and Latin.). On crucifixion in Roman society, see OXFORD CLASSICAL DICTIONARY, s.v. "Crucifixion." In general, see Samuel G. F. Brandon, THE TRIAL OF JESUS OF NAZARETH.

How many jurisdictions were involved in the trial of Jesus of Nazareth? Whose jurisdiction prevailed in the final decision?

REPORT NO. 19: THE IMAGE OF JESUS; THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

*%\$ NEW TESTAMENT OF THE JERUSALEM BIBLE -- Gospel according to Matthew, entire; with the commentary of John. C. Fenton, THE GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW and/or Aubrey W. Argyle, THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

How is Jesus of Nazareth portrayed in the Gospel according to Matthew?

REPORT NO. 20: THE IMAGE OF JESUS; THE Gnostics

%\$ CHENOBOSKION MANUSCRIPTS. ENGLISH. THE NAG HAMMADI LIBRARY IN ENGLISH, pp. 117-151 (Gospels of Thomas and Philip); with *%\$ Elaine Pagels, THE Gnostic GOSPELS.

Who were the Gnostics? How is Jesus of Nazareth portrayed in the Gospels of Thomas and Philip? in the Gnostic Gospels in general? To what extent does the Gnostic portrait of Jesus differ from that of the Synoptic Gospels?

REPORT NO. 21: THE IMAGE OF JESUS; ISLAM

Edward G. Parrinder, JESUS IN THE Q'URAN; and ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF ISLAM, New Edition, Volume IV (1978), pp. 81-86, s.v. "Isa."

Use the Penguin translation of N. J. Dawood, THE KORAN, for consultation of passages in the Q'uran cited in the modern analyses listed above. How is Jesus of Nazareth portrayed in the Q'uran? What is the position of Jesus in Islam?

REPORT NO. 22: THE SEARCH FOR JESUS' REMAINS; THE SHROUD OF TURIN

Ian Wilson, THE SHROUD OF TURIN; the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, June 1980, pp. 730-753; and Robert Drews, IN SEARCH OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN (Totowa, N.J.: Littlefield, Adams & Co.; not in the Memorial Library at present, but on rush order).

What are the origins and nature of the Shroud of Turin?