

# INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

## Matthew, Mark, & Luke

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**Objective:** This course will seek to uncover the basic themes of the Synoptic Gospels; to discover the differences between them; and to articulate their specific presentations of Jesus of Nazareth.

### Texts:

Matthew, Mark and Luke (NRSV please)

Dodd, C.H. The Apostolic Preaching and Its Developments. Chapters 1 & 2, available online from <http://www.religion-online.org/showbook.asp?title=539>, or found by searching the title of the article.

Perkins, Pheme. *Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2007.

Wright, N.T. How Can the Bible Be Authoritative? *Vox Evangelica*, 1991, 21, 7–32. Available online from <http://www.ntwrightpage.com/Wright Bible Authoritative.htm> (optional).

### Assignments:

Please Read, Read, Read!!!!

Before the first class read:

The Gospel of Mark (preferably in one setting), NRSV

*Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels*, chapters 1-4

**and** listen to the sound recording of St. Mark, available on the diocesan website.

For the second class read

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke (NRSV).

*Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels*, chapters 5 & 6.

The Apostolic Preaching and Its Developments (C.H. Dodd), online article.