

ECONOMICS IN THE GOSPELS
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Class Times - TBD

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course reviews the discussion of economics in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) to see how much current day relevance we can find.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

My goal is always to help you succeed, rather than emphasizing grades. At the same time, grades must be calculated, and they can help you assess how you are doing throughout the semester. Grades will be based on the following:

1. **Exams, Two:** In-class **mid-term examination**. Comprehensive **final exam**.
2. **Paper:** A 7-10 page paper.
3. **Classroom Conduct:** Our focus is on fostering a constructive and safe learning environment that facilitates students' growth, both as individuals and as a community of learners. To that end, we expect that students will:
 1. Be in lectures prepared and on time.
 2. Be an active, thoughtful, engaged participant in lectures and in discussions.
 3. Respect others, including:
 - Listening carefully to others' opinions and expressing your own beliefs in a humble and courteous way.
 - Honoring the fact that we represent diverse ethnic, cultural, religious, economic, and academic backgrounds.
 - Not sleeping, texting, or listening to music in class.

Further instructions concerning exams and assignments will be given at a later date. Please plan ahead to complete assignments on time. *Late papers will not be accepted, except in cases of real emergency requiring notification of the Dean of Students, so plan to get your work in on time.*

NOTES ON GRADING

a. **Weighting of Assignments:**

Paper	30%
Mid-Term Exam	30%
Final Exam	40%

b. **Grades:**

- A – Excellent 90-100
- B – Good 80-89
- C – Average 70-79
- D – Passing 60-69
- F – Fail 59 and below

The criteria for assigning grades are technical competence, care in handling primary and secondary sources, learning, insight, and creativity.

c. **Plagiarism:** Please don't do it. Familiarize yourself with acceptable and unacceptable attribution and uses of the work of others. If you are caught plagiarizing, you will fail the assignment and you risk failing the class. The matter will be reported to the Dean, with no exceptions.

NOTE: This syllabus and its contents are subject to revision; students are responsible for any changes or modifications distributed in class, emailed, or posted on the course website.

2/1 – WEEK 1: Treasure/Gold/Money

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Treasure/Gold/Money \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-treasure-gold-money)

2/8 – WEEK 2: Kingdoms/Labor (Part 1)

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Kingdoms/Labor \(Part 1\) \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-kingdoms-labor-part-1)

2/15 WEEK 3: Labor (Part 2)

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Labor \(Part 2\) \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-labor-part-2)

2/22 WEEK 4: Management

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Management \(Jesus's Instructions\) \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-management-jesus-s-instructions)

3/1 WEEK 5: Commerce & Banking/Forgiveness

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Commerce, Banking, and Forgiveness \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-commerce-banking-and-forgiveness)

3/8 WEEK 6: Midterm Review

Review materials from classes 1-5

3/15 WEEK 7: Midterm Examination

Part I (50 points)

Identify five out of six terms by writing a sentence or two about each.

Part II (50 points)

Write one essay chosen from two listed essay questions. To receive full credit, you should answer the question completely, drawing in relevant support from EITG readings.

3/22 WEEK 8: Spring Break - No Class

3/29 WEEK 9: Dwellings and Other Structures

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course Dwellings and Other Structures \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/courses/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-dwellings-and-other-structures)

4/5 WEEK 10: Boats, Manufactured Goods, Arms and Sharp Objects

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Boats, Manufactured Goods, Arms and Sharp Objects \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/courses/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-boats-manufactured-goods-arms-and-sharp-objects)

4/12 WEEK 11: Feasts, Food & Agriculture, Bread & Wine

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Feasts, Food & Agriculture, Bread & Wine \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/courses/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-feasts-food-agriculture-bread-wine)

4/19 WEEK 12: Offering & Gifts, Taxes, Rich & Poor, Garments & Textiles

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Offerings & Gifts, Taxes, Rich & Poor, Garments & Textiles \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/courses/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-offerings-gifts-taxes-rich-poor-garments-textiles)

4/26 WEEK 13: Peace/War/Takeaways

[Economics in the Gospels Video Course: Peace, War and Takeaways \(theoeco.org\)](https://theoeco.org/courses/economics-in-the-gospels-video-course-peace-war-takeaways)

5/3 Week 14: Final Exam

5/10 PAPER DUE