

## **BI368 The Four-Fold Witness: Text, Theology, and Afterlives**

Final Year Advanced Bible – NT Requirement

Three credits

Grade or Credit/No Credit

### **FACULTY**

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### **DESCRIPTION**

This seminar is a close reading of the four N.T. gospels with the foci: (1) tending to a close reading of the four texts that dwells in their similarities and differences (2) paying particular attention to the theological implications of the similarities and differences. An umbrella question that the seminar will tend to is: What does the fact that church by the power of the Spirit maintained the four-fold witness to the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ say theologically about the nature of revelation?

### **FORMAT**

The course will be a hybrid of lecture and seminar formats with an emphasis on student engagement and creativity within the bounds of the course's focus. Use of Greek (mindful, of course, that everyone's Greek is at particular place) will be expected.

### **ASSESSMENT**

Students will be assessed on thorough and informed engagement with the course material culminating in a comprehensive assignment (paper or project) which they will present to the class.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

*Required*

Kurt Aland, ed., *Synopsis of the Four Gospels: Greek-English Edition of the Quattuor Evangeliorum* (10<sup>th</sup> ed.; Deutsche Bibel Gesellschaft, 1996).

NB – **Make sure to get the edition with the Greek and English on facing pages.**

**DO NOT** get the one that is titled *Synopsis Quattuor Evangeliorum* (Latin might be sexy, but this one does not have the English on facing pages and will drive you mad.)

**Also, DO NOT** purchase the one that says "English Edition" on the cover. No surprise, it has no Greek. Like it or not, we're going to use the Greek.

If you search for the ISBN (978-1-59856-177-7), it's almost guaranteed that you cannot go wrong. It's a bit dumb expensive, but it is a worthy investment.

Also, there is no equivalent digital version available.

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<https://shop.die-bibel.de/Synopsis-of-the-Four-Gospels/5405>

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