

# Current Bible Study

9/14/21

# Administrative Information

- The Bible Study Class will be presented in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning from **9:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M.** beginning **September 14, 2021** and ending **May 17, 2022** except for the **following Tuesdays** related to a holiday:
  - Nov 23, 2021 – Thanksgiving Week
  - Dec 21, 2021 – Christmas Week
  - Dec 28, 2021 - New Year's Week
  - Apr 19, 2022 – Holy Week
- The same class will be given in the Parish Hall every Tuesday evening from **7:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.**
- Both Tuesday classes will be available live and via Zoom using the same sign in as use last fall and this spring (It will be posted on the Parish website later in the week)
- Inclement weather decisions will be **based on announcements posted on the Parish Website**
- Contact info: email: [biblestudy@straymonds.org](mailto:biblestudy@straymonds.org) ; Tel: (703) 644-5873

# Administrative Information (Cont)

- I will automatically forward you a copy of the class charts via e-mail every week
- I will also forward prayer requests from the group upon receipt
- Any version of the bible is acceptable – I will use the *RSV Catholic Edition*
- Although we will not follow a specific text, it will be centered around Jeff Cavins' **Great Adventure Bible Timeline Series**
- Please sign in with your name, telephone number, and “print” your e-mail address

# Administrative Information (Cont)

## My Background

- Methodist
- Wake Forest College 1962
- Joined the Catholic Church 1975

CCD Catechist 1980 - 1997

MA in Theology (discipline in Scripture) NDGS of  
Christendom College 1999

Co-DRE at St Raymond's 1997-2005

Presented Bible Study & RCIA for over 20 years

# Administrative Information (Cont)

- **Overview of this course:**
  - We will complete our *Introduction to the New Testament* focusing on the Corpus of John, followed by a detailed study of the Synoptic Gospels
- **My Long-Term Bible Study Plan**
  - After completion of the Synoptic Gospels, we will begin a detailed study of:
    - the Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of Paul
    - the Corpus of John (His gospel, letters, and the Book Revelation)
- Please feel free to ask questions during or after the presentation, or via email/phone

# Life Experience

- God can only be found in silence
  - Read: Robert Cardinal Sarah *The Power of Silence*



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ROBERT CARDINAL SARAH

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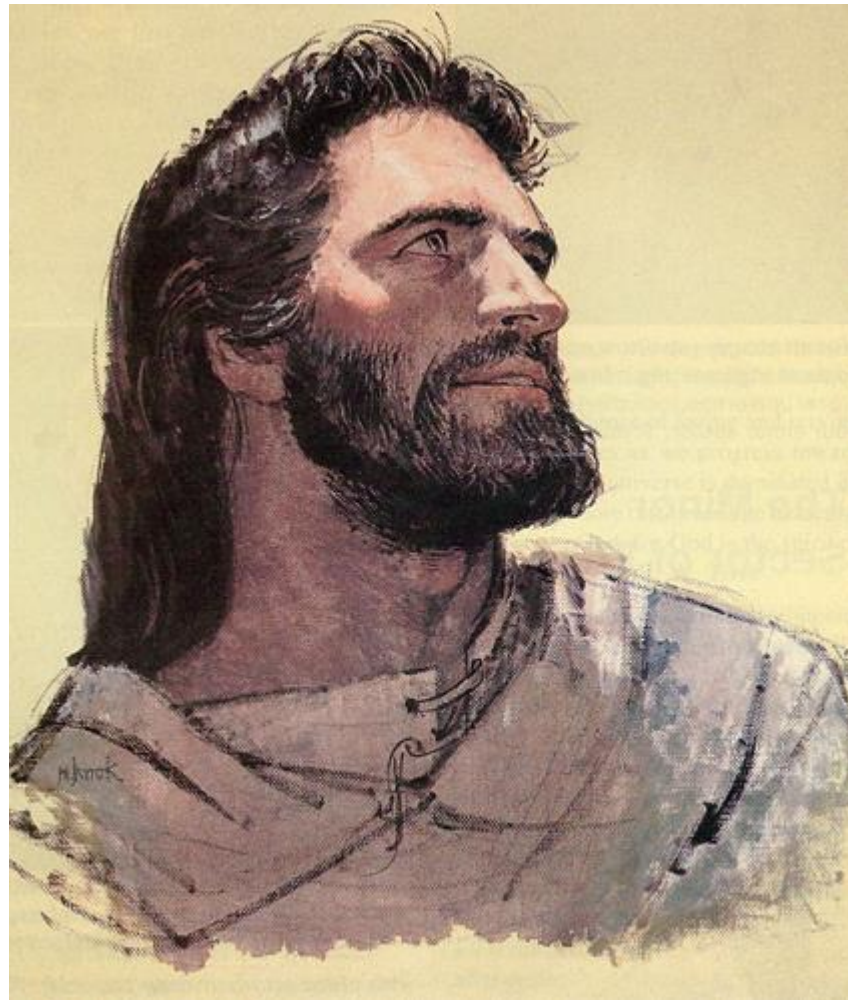
*The*  
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AGAINST THE DICTATORSHIP OF NOISE



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# *Joshua ben Joseph - Messiah*





# Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies

- Prerequisites
- M.A. in biblical studies or a degree closely related to this field
- Nine credits in advanced Hebrew
- Nine credits in advanced Greek

# Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies

- **Program**
- A minimum of 30 credit hours beyond the M.A.
- 12 credits in exegetical seminars (in the major Testament).
- 9 credits in seminars in the minor Testament.
- 3-credit doctoral seminar, "Textual Criticism of the Bible."
- 6 credits in exegesis or related areas such as theology, archaeology, Semitics, the Ancient Near East, ancient languages
  - OT specialist: **Aramaic, Syriac, Arabic, Ugaritic, or Akkadian**
  - NT specialist: **Aramaic, Coptic, or Syriac** and one may find value in **Latin**.
- Intermediate knowledge of a third ancient language equivalent to one year of study.
- Reading and comprehension knowledge of **German and French** in accordance with School norms.
- A comprehensive doctoral examination.
- Doctoral guidance as needed.
- Completion and successful defense of the dissertation.

# A few great young scholars

- ***Tim Gray***
- ***Father Sebastian Carnazzo***
- Brant Pitre
- Edward Sri
- John Bergsma
- Scott Hahn

# What one needs before reading a passage in the Bible

- Identify the author
- Identify his audience
- Determine his purpose for writing the passage

# Books of the Old Testament

- ***Septuagint* - 46**

- Pentateuch – 5
- Prophets - 18
- Historical - 16
- Wisdom - 7

- **Hebrew Bible - 39**

- Pentateuch – 5
- Prophets - 21
- Writings - 13

# Books of the New Testament

- 4 Gospels
- 1 Acts of the Apostles
- 21 Epistles
- 1 Revelation

# Books of the New Testament

- The 27 books of the NT
  - Three synoptic gospels
    - Matthew
    - Mark
    - Luke
  - The Gospel of John
  - The Acts of the Apostles

# Books of the New Testament (Cont)

- Nine letters to the Churches from St. Paul (bold are Captivity letters)
  - Thessalonians 1&2
  - Galatians
  - Corinthians 1&2
  - Romans
  - **Ephesians**
  - **Philippians**
  - **Colossians**



# Books of the New Testament (Cont)

- Four letters to individuals (3 Catholic Epistles) from St. Paul
  - Timothy 1 & 2
  - Titus
  - **Philemon**
- **Book of Hebrews**
- The Book of Revelation

# Books of the New Testament (Cont)

- **Seven Catholic Epistles**
  - Epistle of St. James
  - Epistles of St. Peter (2)
  - Epistles of St. John (3)
  - Epistle of St. Jude

# New Testament Timeline

- 30-33 Jesus' public ministry
- 33-100 Beginning of the Kingdom of God (the early Church)
- **45-49 Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey**
- **49-52 Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey**
- 50 Apostles and Paul meet in Jerusalem for 1<sup>st</sup> council
- 50 Matthew's Gospel written in Aramaic
- **53-58 Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey**
- 59-60 Paul's imprisonment in Caesarea

# Timeline (Cont)

- **60-61 Paul's 4<sup>th</sup> journey (in chains) to Rome**
- 64 Beginning of the "Roman Persecution" by Nero
- 64-67 Mark's Gospel written just before the martyrdom of St. Peter
- 62-63 Luke's Gospel most likely written from Rome
- 62-68 Acts of the Apostles written by Luke
- 68 Peter and Paul martyred in Rome
- 98-100 John's Gospel written from Ephesus