

## STUDY GUIDE

### Departmental Examination: Life & Teachings of Jesus

#### Division of Religion and Philosophy

#### Southern Wesleyan University

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1. The exam consists of 100 multiple choice questions. It is a closed-book test with a 60 minute time limit.
2. More than “general Bible knowledge” will be tested, since the college course on which it is based covers more than general Bible knowledge. Therefore it is highly recommended that the student obtain copies of the course texts and study them along with the Bible itself.

The texts for this exam will be:

- **Jesus the Messiah: A Survey of the Life of Christ** by Robert Stein
- **The NIV Study Bible** (on the Gospels, especially the Introductions to the Gospels and the map of Jesus’ ministry in the back)

3. In preparation for the exam, study in the following areas:
  - The geography of Israel in the New Testament period
  - Significant people, places, and events in the biblical narrative
  - The background of the New Testament, including world history of the era, language, culture, etc.
  - The nature of the Gospels
  - Characteristics of each individual Gospel
  - Facts about the author of each Gospel
  - The chronology of the Gospel narrative and the life of Christ
  - Meanings of the parables of Jesus
  - Jewish feasts and religious institutions (Sanhedrin, synagogue, etc.)
  - The great discourses of Jesus, especially the Sermon on the Mount
4. A testing fee of \$30 will be charged to all who take the exam. If a score of 78% or higher is achieved, three credits will be awarded and an additional transcription fee of \$60 will be charged. No refund of the \$30 fee is possible regardless of the score on the exam. This departmental exam may be taken only once.

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