

STUDY GUIDE

Departmental Examination: New Testament

Division of Religion and Philosophy

Southern Wesleyan University

1. The examination consists of fifty multiple choice questions. It is a closed-book test with a 30 minute time limit.
2. More than “general Bible knowledge” will be tested, since the college course in New Testament Survey covers more than general Bible knowledge. Therefore it is highly recommended that the student obtain a copy of the course text and study it along with the Bible itself.
3. In preparation for the exam, study in the following areas:
 - The background of the New Testament, including world history of the era, language, culture, etc.
 - The geography of Israel during the New Testament period
 - Significant people, places, and events in the biblical narrative
 - Literary types in the New Testament and how they function
 - The chronology of the New Testament, including specific dates of major events and “relational chronology” (what-followed-what in the story, even if the actual dates aren’t known)
 - The themes of New Testament books
 - Locations of important quotations from the New Testament (by book, not by chapter and verse)
 - Content of the New Testament by book (e.g., where would you find the account of Paul’s imprisonment?)
 - The theories of Higher Criticism with regard to the New Testament
 - The arrangement of the books in canonical order

NOTE: A testing fee of \$30.00 will be charged to all who take the exam. If a score of 78% or higher is made, three credits will be awarded and an additional transcription fee of \$60.00 will be charged.