

# Harmonizing the Four Gospels

**Day and Time:** Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 PM ET

**Teacher:** James Reinartz

**Class Size:** Limit of 30

Have you ever wondered why the Gospels have different details when they are telling the same story? Why is John so different from Matthew, Mark and Luke? Why do we say that Jesus was 33 1/2 years old when he was crucified? Or have you ever wondered if Jesus' ministry changed over the course of the years presented in the Gospels?

Studying the Four Gospels together can be a daunting task. And harmonizing the four accounts greatly enriches our perspective of the life and work of the Lord we love. Join us as we learn the tools and techniques of Gospel harmony enabling us to study the ministry of Jesus Christ in 3D (4D!).

## 9-Week Syllabus

1. Introduction | How can we harmonize the Gospels?
2. John 1-4 | When did Jesus' public ministry begin?
3. Preaching tours in Galilee | Was Peter called one, two or three times?
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5. The feeding of the 5k | The collapse of the Galilean work and the 4 withdrawals.
6. Luke 10-18 | Did Jesus ever return to Galilee?
7. The Final Week | Did Jesus celebrate his last Passover at the wrong time?
8. The Final Week | Was Jesus flogged one, two or three times?
9. Untangling the Resurrection

## Form of Class

Each class will include presentations of student's homework and discussion of that week's reading assignment. A lecture portion will present lessons we learn about Jesus' life and ministry from that week's portion of the Gospel harmony.

## **Homework**

Students can choose between two different homework tracks:

### Track 1 - Harmony Exercise

Students will make their own harmony of small portions of the Gospels. These harmonies will be discussed and compared in class.

### Track 2 - Reading in Harmony

Students will be assigned portions of reading from A. T. Robertson's Harmony of the Gospels following along each class's topics. Students will journal responses to reading the Gospels in this order.

## **Class References**

A Harmony of the Gospels by Robert L. Thomas and Stanley, N. Gundry

A Harmony of the Gospels by A. T. Robertson.

The Reese Chronological Study Bible