

**RI 378 GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**Benedictine College School of Faith**  
**Module 3:1**

Instructor Information:

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**Course Description:**

**RI 378 Gospel of Matthew**

An intensive study of the structure, themes, message and content of Matthew's gospel which will more deeply investigate the fulfillment of God's covenants in Jesus the Christ, Son of David. Questions on literary forms will be addressed as well as further investigation of Jesus' identity, the meaning of 'the Kingdom', the eschatological significance of the Temple, and the great commission.

**Required Texts:**

Bible

*The Gospel of Matthew: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*, introduction, commentary, and notes by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch  
or Ted Sri, *Mystery of the Kingdom*

**Basis of Assessment:**

For those taking this course for 1 Continuing Education Unit (C.E.U.), satisfactory completion of the course requires punctual attendance to all sessions and engagement in the subject matter of the course.

For those taking this course for 1 College Credit, the requirements for satisfactory completion of the course include all of the above, plus submission of some written work. For a course grade of a "C," a simple one page lesson plan which incorporates knowledge from the class is required. For a course grade of "A" or "B," a 2-3 page single-spaced paper **or** a 2-3 page detailed lesson plan is required. The student will discuss how the Gospel presents Jesus as the ultimate fulfillment of the promised Son of David. Pass/Fail system is alternative grade scale.

**Course Objectives:**

1. Briefly review inspiration, inerrancy, biblical authority, senses of scripture, and criteria for biblical interpretation in accord with *Dei Verbum*.
2. Examine the overall structure and themes of Matthew's Gospel, its presentation, origins, and catechetical significance.
3. Matthew's approach to fulfillment of Old Testament passages will be explored and modern criticisms addressed.
4. Matthew's emphasis on Jesus as the Son of David and the implications for the Messianic Kingdom will be explored throughout in preparation for the course on ecclesiology.
5. The multiple senses of the parables and the meaning of "the Kingdom of Heaven" will be explored with special emphasis on the Transfiguration.
6. Distinguish Christian from heterodox teachings on eschatology.
- 7) The entire Gospel will be overviewed together.