

## Syllabus for Exploring the Gospels: The Life and Teachings of Jesus:\*\*

### 1. Introduction to the Gospels

- Definition and Purpose of the Gospels
- Overview of the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- Historical Context of the Gospel Writings

### 2. The Birth and Early Life of Jesus

- Nativity Stories in Matthew and Luke
- Jesus' Early Years and Family Background
- The Significance of Jesus' Baptism

### 3. Jesus' Ministry and Teachings

- Overview of Jesus' Public Ministry
- Key Parables and Their Meanings
- Sermon on the Mount: Core Teachings

### 4. Miracles and Healings

- Types of Miracles Performed by Jesus
- Theological Significance of Miracles
- Case Studies: Notable Miracles in the Gospels

### 5. The Disciples and Followers of Jesus

- The Calling of the Disciples
- Roles and Contributions of Key Disciples
- The Concept of Discipleship in Jesus' Teachings

### 6. Conflicts and Challenges

- Jesus' Interactions with Religious Authorities

- The Role of Parables in Addressing Conflicts
- Responses to Opposition and Criticism

#### 7. The Passion Narrative

- Events Leading to the Crucifixion
- The Last Supper and Its Significance
- The Crucifixion and Its Theological Implications

#### 8. The Resurrection and Its Impact

- Accounts of the Resurrection in the Gospels
- Theological Significance of the Resurrection
- The Great Commission and the Birth of the Church

#### 9. The Teachings of Jesus in Contemporary Context

- Relevance of Jesus' Teachings Today
- Application of Gospel Principles in Modern Life
- Interfaith Perspectives on Jesus' Teachings

#### 10. Course Review and Assessment

- Summary of Key Themes and Teachings
- Preparing for the Final Assessment
- Reflection on Personal Insights Gained from the Course