Course Description: This course will historically and critically approach the study of the gospels, its limits and benefits and its acceptability to the Church. Students will learn of the “synoptic problem” as well as the consequences of its resolution for study of the gospels. Diverse forms within the gospels and the characteristics of each gospel will be presented in this class as well.

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