

# **M.O.S.T. - Matthew**

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**Course information:** Course # 621

Time: Fall 2017; Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Required reading:** (1) Students enrolled for ‘Certificate seekers’ or ‘Diploma seekers’ must read through the gospel of Matthew outside of class room hours; (2) Any select commentary approved by instructor.

**Additional work:** Students enrolled in ‘Certificate’ and/or ‘Diploma’ classes must write a 6-10 page research paper on some subject pertinent to the study of the gospel of Matthew. This paper is required to have at least four source references. It must meet the guidelines of the MLA Handbook for Writers. A copy of those guidelines is available upon request from the instructor.

**Focus and goal of the class:** This class is designed to examine not only the text of the gospel of Matthew, but to focus on points of attack from the critics and enemies of the text. We will also examine the ‘Synoptic Problem,’ the virgin birth, and give emphasis to doctrinal errors that have arisen from denominational practices.

**Tests:** There will be two tests. One of these will be at mid-term, the second at the close of the course. Each test will cover the material covered between the beginning of the class or the beginning of the second half of the course. All ‘Certificate’ and/or ‘Diploma’ seekers will be required to take this test and achieve at least a C- in the class to receive the certificate and/or diploma offered.

**Online students** who are seeking either the ‘Diploma’ or ‘Certificate’ must contact the instructor in order to assure proper credit be given upon completion of the class.

**Dates:**

November 9<sup>th</sup> – mid term test

December 7<sup>th</sup> – research papers due

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Final exam