

Six Week Class objectives: 1) Covenant Theology, 2) The Unity of Scripture, 3) The Sacraments and Grace

Resources: The Gospel of Matthew. Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series. Curtis Mitch, and Edward Sri. Baker Academic, 2010.

The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The New Testament. Ignatius Press, 2010.

Catholic Bible Dictionary, Editor Scott Hahn Ph.D. CCC - Catechism of the Catholic Church

CCC 112 *Be especially attentive "to the content and unity of the whole Scripture."* The unity of God's plan

Luke 24:44 ...everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled."

CCC 128 the unity of the divine plan in the two Testaments through typology, ... God's works of the Old Covenant prefigurations of what he accomplished in the fullness of time in the person of his incarnate Son.

Typology: study of persons, places, things, and institutions in the Bible that prefigure greater realities to come.

Providence (Lat. "foresight"). God's all-wise, all-loving, and all-encompassing guidance of nature, history, and the course of individual lives

Divine **Pedagogy:** how God teaches us – gradual ...

One Sentence Summary of the Bible: Who God is, who we are, and what is our relationship.

The Four Eternal Questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? How will I get there?

Covenant Theology – The master-theme of the Bible A covenant establishes a relationship

The word Covenant is used 303 times in the Bible, 205 time in the CCC also "filial"

Six Covenants in the Bible: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and ultimately Jesus Christ.

At the Last Supper, Jesus explicitly identifies his body and blood as the New Covenant (Matthew 26:27-28)

2 Corinthians 6:18 And I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Covenant dimensions: family, legal and liturgical

Entry into the covenant: OT Abraham= circumcision, NT = Sacrament of Baptism

Sons and Daughters of the Father, Jesus Son by His essence/nature, us by adoption (in the Covenant)

Bible footnotes: Parallel Passages, Allusions – OT, Theme Emphasis , Translation Notes

Allusions: Scripture quoting Scripture. Two main types: Explicit and Implicit

Structure of Matthew: Prologue, Five Books, The Passion, using Narrative and Discourse

Narrative: what Jesus does

Discourse: what Jesus teaches

Key phrase: "when Jesus had finished" 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1

Translation: meaning of the words

Transliteration: translate the characters (Greek and Hebrew)

Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Exodus 3:14 Yahweh יהוה (YHWH) "I AM WHO I AM." LORD used in OT (Circumlocution)

Jesus Hebrew: יְשׁוּעַ Yēšūa' transliterate to English: Joshua

Greek: Ἰησοῦς Iēsous transliterate to English: Jesus

Jesus means: "Yahweh saves" Full meaning: "I AM WHO AM Saves" Yē = I AM WHO AM šūa' = saves

Christ: Hebrew: māšîaḥ messiah "Anointed one" Greek: Χριστός christos

Matthew 2:15 Out of Egypt I have called my son,

Exodus 4:22–23 And you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, Israel is my first-born son, and I say to you, "Let my son go that he may serve me"

Hosea 11:1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

Matthew 3:2 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repent: Greek metanoēō to change one's mind or purpose. At the heart of John's prophetic message is the challenge to repent.

One word summary of all OT prophets: repent

Matthew 3:13-17 The Baptism of Jesus Explicit vs Implicit (The Trinity):

and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and behold, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 4 - The Kingdom of Heaven

Mt 4:17 Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

"the kingdom of heaven" is the keynote expression of Matthew's Gospel, 32x (kingdom 54x)

Parallel passage: Mark 1:15 (Kingdom of God, both St. Mark and St. Luke use this)

Israel asks for a King

1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them."

The Son of David

2 Samuel 7:16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.' (The Lord speaks to Nathan, Nathan to David) Part of the covenant promises made to David

Four Theological Dimensions of Kingdom

1. Christological: the Kingdom is Christ himself
2. Mystical: the Kingdom is understood as being present in the heart (i.e., the inner person) of the believer.
3. Ecclesiological: the Kingdom is the Church
4. Eschatological: the Kingdom is heaven

I have found this heart in the adorable Eucharist,
the heart of my King, of my Friend, of my Brother.
(St. Bernard of Clairvaux)