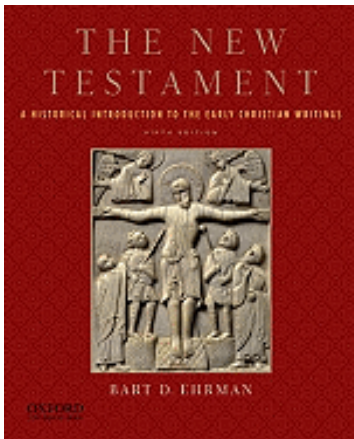




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## THE EPISTLES OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

January 15 to February 26, 2013  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm



This class is part of a series we're doing on the entire New Testament. We began the series in spring 2012 by looking at the gospels. *This is not, however, a traditional bible study.* Expect to find in the class the best, cutting edge methodologies used by New Testament scholars to examine the Christian Bible.

Dr. Bart Ehrman, the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, approaches the New Testament from a consistently historical and comparative perspective. His work emphasizes the rich diversity of the earliest Christian literature and explains how the Christian Bible was formed over time.

Rather than shying away from the critical problems presented by the books of the New Testament, Dr. Ehrman addresses the historical and literary challenges they pose – along the way you learn how the New Testament came into being, when it was written, what it means, and how it relates to contemporary Christianity.

(the bad news is that the textbook is expensive. The good news is that we will use it for the entire series and not just for this class)

### INSTRUCTORS

Dr. Keo Cavalcanti is a Professor of Sociology at James Madison University. He specializes in Sociology of Religion. Rev. Daniel Robayo is the Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

### TEXT

We'll be using Dr. Bart Ehrman's *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*. Oxford University Press, 2011, 5th edition (Each student is responsible for buying their own copy of the text. Amazon.com is retailing it for \$61.13 a copy).

### REGISTRATION

There are no fees for the class. To register send an email to Keo Cavalcanti at [takoan@gmail.com](mailto:takoan@gmail.com) indicating your interest.

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