



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Dr. Gordon Campbell

April 8 – 13, 2013

Riga, Akas street 13, 3 rd floor,
in the evenings 18:00-21:00.

In English, with simultaneous translation into Latvian

PROFESSOR

Born in 1958, Dr. Campbell is married to Sandra and has four children. Ordained in 1988 as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), he lived in France from 1989 to 2005 working as a PCI missionary – first as a minister in the Reformed church, then as New Testament professor at the *Faculté Jean Calvin* in Aix-en-Provence. Since 2007 he has been back in Belfast (UK) as professor of New Testament Studies at Union Theological College – a PCI's seminary and a provider for Queen's University. At BRTS Professor Campbell has previously taught courses on the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of John, Paul and the Book of Revelation.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the Gospel according to Mark through the exegesis of selected texts and consideration of some key topics for interpretation such as the advent and meaning of the Kingdom of God, discipleship or Mark's perspective on Jesus (including his sufferings and crucifixion). The course aims to give students appropriate skills and tools for reading Mark's Gospel individually and in groups, together with some awareness of the historical and cultural background of the first century from which the Gospel comes.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDIT

- 1) Class attendance
- 2) Completed reading assignment:
 - C.E.B. Cranfield, *Cambridge Greek Testament Commentary*, (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1983) **pp.3-22**
 - D. A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo and Leon Morris, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, (Zondervan/Apollos, Grand Rapids/Leicester,1992), **pp.89-107**
 - R.T. France, *New International Greek Testament Commentary*, (Paternoster/Eerdmans, Carlisle/Grand Rapids & Cambridge, 2002), **pp.1-45**
 - R.A. Guelich, *Gospel of Mark*, article in *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, (IVP, Downer's Grove / Leicester, 1992), **pp.512-25**
 - D.H. Juel, *The Gospel of Mark* (Abingdon, Nashville, 1999), **pp.15-51**
 - R.H. Stein, *Mark* (Baker Exegetical Commentary, Baker,Grand Rapids, 2008), **pp.1-37**
 - F. Thielman, *Theology of the New Testament* (Zondervan, Grand Rapids, 2005), ch. 3 'Mark'- **pp.57-83**
- 3) Examination

SIGNING UP FOR THE COURSE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We welcome to the course also any interested listeners. Participation fee is 15 LVL (includes materials and coffee breaks).

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