

SPM Bible Knowledge Syllabus

Code 9221/1

INTRODUCTION

This syllabus provides for the study of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ as found in The Gospel According to St Luke and the growth of the Early Church as contained in the Acts of the Apostles. The Good News Version is the accepted standard text for SPM 2007 onwards. Candidates, however, will not be penalized if they use other versions in their answers. The syllabus requires a minimum of two hours instruction per week over a period of 2 years.

Aims

The general aim of this course is to acquire knowledge and understanding of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ and the growth of the Early Church. Candidates will be expected to:

- 1 recall and select factual information
- 2 describe, explain, relate and compare and contrast events and teachings in an organized manner
- 3 describe and show an understanding of the role and importance of special people
- 4 appreciate the Christian response to moral issues

Subject Content

Candidates should have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the historical, cultural, political, social and religious setting of the period. A detailed knowledge of both texts is required. The subject content is divided into two sections.

Section 1: The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ as contained in the Gospel of LUKE (24 chapters)

Section 2: The Acts of the Apostles (28 chapters)

Examination Format

Candidates are required to sit for one paper the duration of which is two and a half hours. The paper is in English.

Subject Content	Context Questions	Essay Questions	Choices	Allocation of Marks
A The Life and Teaching of Christ as contained in the Gospel of Luke	1 a, b, c, d (4 questions)	3, 4, 5	Questions 1 & 2 are compulsory Candidates are required to answer any four of Questions 3-8	Each context question carries 5 marks. Essay questions carry 15 marks each. 8 context questions x 5 = 40 4 essay questions x 4 = 60 TOTAL = 100
B The Acts of the Apostles	2 a, b, c, d (4 questions)	6, 7, 8		

Resources and References

LUKE

1. SPM BK Text: A Study Guide to The Gospel according to Luke (Issachar)**
2. The Gospel according to St Luke – RSV Ed by Rev. F. Marshall
3. Tyndale New Testament commentaries – Luke (Leon Morris)
4. The Cambridge Bible Commentary – Luke
5. Commentary on Luke - William Barclay
6. SU: Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ according to the Synoptic Gospels (John Ting)

** With exercises, summaries, model question paper

ACTS of the Apostles

1. SPM BK Text: A Study Guide to The Acts of the Apostles (Issachar)**
2. The Acts of the Apostles – RSV Ed by Rev. F. Marshall
3. Tyndale New Testament Commentaries – Acts (I. Howard Marshall)
4. The Cambridge Bible Commentary – Acts
5. Acts of the Apostles – 24 studies by R.E. Harlow (Emmaus Bible School)
6. Acts of the Apostles – William Barclay

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General reading:

1. A good Bible Atlas
2. The Century of the New Testament – EM Blaiklock, IVP
3. A Scripture Note-Book (Book Two) by the De La Salle Brothers
4. Life in the Time of Jesus by Margaret Boys
5. The Gospel according to St. Luke – Norval Geldenhuys
6. Matthew Henry's Commentary
7. The New Bible Dictionary, IVP

VCDs:

1. New Teacher-training VCDs produced from the June 2006 Seminar (Ms Moey as trainer)
2. Movies on Jesus, e.g. Jesus of Nazareth, King of Kings
3. Acts of the Apostles (Visual Bible), Paul of Tarsus

Places to purchase the following:

1. SPM Examination Aid - compiled past years' SPM questions, trial marking schemes and other info.
From MCSC office (03-7956 5310), TCF office (03 5637 5623), Scripture Union Office (03-7782 9592)
2. SPM Study Guides (Issachar): Luke and Acts
From MCSC office (03-7956 5310), TCF office (03 5637 5623),
Scripture Union Office (03-7782 9592), Pustaka SUFES (03-7782 8239), BK teachers
3. New Training VCDs: TCF
4. BK lessons on Internet 2009

Activities of an SPM Bible Knowledge Class:

1. Reading a portion of the text (an average of a chapter per lesson)
2. Understanding the facts in each incident / teaching
3. Written and oral Q & A
4. Weekly take-home exercises or projects
5. Monthly or semester tests
6. Revision at each lesson
7. End of year Exam for Form 4
8. Trial exam in Form 5

BK Enquiries can be directed to info@su.org.my

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Church BK centers and BK teachers

MCSC (Malayan Christian Schools' Council) is the sponsor for annual SPM BK quizzes (in August)
and the Postal BK quizzes (in April)

SU (Scripture Union) has field staff visiting churches and schools. SU website has info on SPM BK.
www.su.org.my