

Reading New Testament Greek

Start date 9 February 2018**End date** 11 February 2018**Venue** Madingley Hall
Madingley
Cambridge**Tutor** Dr John Taylor**Course code** 1718NRX074**Director of Programmes**

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Tutor biography

Dr John Taylor was educated at Balderstone School, Rochdale and Exeter College, Oxford, where he obtained his MA and DPhil. Following this, he was a full time Classics teacher from 1982-2012. He was Head of Classics at St Francis Xavier's College in Liverpool, 1986-92, and then Head of Classics at Tonbridge School from 1992-2012. He became a Lecturer in Classics at the University of Manchester from 2015. He has also been a tutor on the JACT Greek Summer School at Bryanston since 1986 (where he was Director of Studies from 1993-2004, and Director in 2007-8, 2011 and 2016). He has been a panel tutor at ICE since 1993.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Session 1
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 2
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Session 3
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Session 4
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	Dr John Taylor: <i>Light from the Ancient East</i>
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Session 6
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Session 7
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

To read New Testament passages in Greek, and to understand their language and background, with short extracts from the Septuagint for comparison.

Content:

Mark chapters 4 and 5

Luke chapters 23 and 24

Acts chapters 17, 18 and 19

Genesis chapter 9 verses 1-17

Psalms 24 (Septuagint and RC Lectionary; = 25 in most modern translations)

The course involves study of Greek grammar and vocabulary, as well as the historical, literary and theological background of the texts being read.

Presentation of the course:

The sessions consist of oral presentation and class discussion. Students read aloud and translate (in turn, and with suitable help) extracts from texts they have prepared in advance. Linguistic features and subject matter are explained and discussed, taking account of differing interpretations where appropriate.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

1. Read New Testament Greek with greater fluency and enjoyment: grammar and vocabulary will be explained, revised and consolidated. Allowance will be made for students with different levels of Greek.
2. Have increased knowledge of literary genres and of the historical circumstances in which the texts were written: we shall consider how ancient readers might have approached New Testament texts based on their familiarity with the Jewish scriptures and/or classical literature.

Reading and resources list

The recommended text for the course is the following (but any text can be used):

JACT	<i>New Testament Greek: A Reader</i>	CUP 2001
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All the NT passages are in this book, with running vocabulary. Two short OT extracts will be circulated to students in similar form.

Listed below are texts that might be of interest should you wish to supplement your learning on the course. Any essential reading is marked with an asterisk *

Author	Title	Publisher and date
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Any dictionary of classical Greek can be used, but the following focus specifically on NT Greek:

W. C. Trenchard	<i>A Concise Dictionary of New Testament Greek</i>	CUP 2011
B. M. Newman	<i>Greek - English Dictionary of the New Testament</i>	German Bible Society 2010

The following background books can be recommended:

L. T. Jackson	<i>The New Testament: A Very Short Introduction</i>	OUP 2010
F. V. Filson	<i>A New Testament History</i>	SCM 2012
J. Barton and J. Muddiman	<i>The Oxford Bible Commentary</i>	OUP 2007

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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