



According to the Scriptures: Cross and Resurrection in the Old Testament

Hilary 2026

Term Dates: January 12—March 21, 2026
Department: Bible
Difficulty: Introductory
Instructor: Dr. Alastair Roberts <a.roberts@davenantinstitute.org>
Meeting Time: Fridays at 1:00-3:00 pm (Eastern Time)
Zoom Link: [Populi](#) > click My Courses tab > click course > click Conferences (left menu).

Course Description

The apostles claimed that Christ's death and his resurrection on the third day occurred 'according to the Scriptures'. This course offers a close exploration of the witness of the Old Testament in light of this claim, considering many of the ways in which themes of death and resurrection pervade it, and how the revelation of Christ in the fullness of time illuminates its texts.

Objectives

Objectives for this course include: (1) familiarizing students with various ways the Church has read the Old Testament in the light of Christ and with some of the hermeneutical questions involved; (2) giving students a sense of the unity and integrity of the canonical narrative; (3) presenting a case for the cross and resurrection of Christ as a fitting climax of the scriptural narrative.

Course Format

The format of the course will blend lectures and guided discussion of the assigned texts. Students will be expected to come having read and engaged with the text selections for the week, and with thoughts prepared to contribute. On a typical week, students will be expected to read between 50 and 100 pages for the class, which will include selected passages of Scripture and secondary literature.

Course Delivery

Classroom Resources

- [Populi](#) online classrooms are used for all course content, including assignments, grades, announcements, course records, and more.
- [Zoom](#) links & recordings are provided on the Populi course page Conferences tab. Class sessions are two hours weekly (2.5 in summer) for ten weeks (8 weeks in summer) and recorded for absent students (not for dissemination outside of class).
- [Discord](#) may be used for additional student and instructor interaction as well as Davenant community discussions.

Attendance: Required for all students taking courses for credit. If the scheduled time does not work for a particular student, they may drop the course according to the Drop Policy in the Academic Catalog.

Auditors: No requirements, but may participate in all class activities.

Late work: Grade reduction of -5% per calendar day upon instructor discretion. No assignments will be accepted after the last due date without an approved extension.

Course Text

Jean Daniélou, *From Shadows to Reality: Studies in the Biblical Typology of the Fathers* ([free online](#)).

Requirements

1. Attendance and Participation (20%)

Attentive and sustained participation in class is the primary requirement. Students may have two excused absences.

2. Weekly Synopsis (50%)

Students will submit a weekly written piece, of at least 500 words in length, with a brief synopsis and critical reflection on one of the readings set for the week.

3. Oral Exam (30%)

At the conclusion of the course, I will schedule a 15-30-minute Zoom session to assess you on your mastery of the relevant concepts and material from the course.

Course Calendar

Week	Dates	Topics, Readings, & Assignments	Bible Readings
1	January 16	According to the Scriptures <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kevin J Vanhoozer, <i>Mere Christian Hermeneutics: Transfiguring What It Means to Read the Bible Theologically</i>, 225-316	Luke 24 1 Corinthians 15 2 Corinthians 3-4
2	January 23	First Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jean Daniélou, <i>From Shadows to Reality: Studies in the Biblical Typology of the Fathers</i>, 11-114	Genesis 1-11
3	January 30	The Patriarchs <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeffrey Pulse, <i>Figuring Resurrection: Joseph as a Death & Resurrection Figure in the Old Testament & Second Temple Judaism</i>, 46-61, 163-198, 267-281	Genesis 12-50
4	February 6	Exodus <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jean Daniélou, <i>From Shadows to Reality: Studies in the Biblical Typology of the Fathers</i>, 153-226	Exodus
5	February 13	Sacrifice <ul style="list-style-type: none">L Michael Morales, <i>Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord: A biblical theology of the book of Leviticus</i>, 145-184, 257-306	Leviticus Numbers 19
6	February 20	The Rise and Fall of the Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none">Peter J Leithart, <i>A Son to Me: An</i>	Judges 16

		<i>Exposition of 1 & 2 Samuel, 223-321</i>	1 Samuel 4-6 2 Samuel 11-19 2 Samuel 24 2 Kings 4, 25
7	February 27	Wisdom Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hans Boersma, <i>Pierced by Love: Divine Reading with the Christian Tradition</i>, 115-139 Christopher Ash, <i>The Psalms: A Christ-Centered Commentary—Volume 1 Introduction: Christ and the Psalms</i>, 195-257 	Job 1-2, 42 Psalms 1, 2, 8, 16, 22, 34, 110 Song of Songs
8	March 6	The Prophets, Exile and Return <ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Jordan, <i>The Handwriting on the Wall: A Commentary on the Book of Daniel</i>, 306-407 	Isaiah 53 Jeremiah 37-44, 50-52 Lamentations Daniel 1-7 Jonah Zechariah Malachi
9	March 13	The Gospels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon D Levenson, <i>The Death and Resurrection of the Beloved Son: The Transformation of Child Sacrifice in Judaism and Christianity</i>, 173-232 	Matthew 26-28 Mark 14-16 Luke 22-24 John 13, 18-21
10	March 20	Reading with the Apostles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ephraim Radner, <i>Time and the Word: Figural Reading of the Christian Scriptures</i>, 205-234, 256-316 	Acts 2, 4, 7 Romans 6 Philippians 2 Galatians 2-6 Colossians 1-3 1 Peter 1-3

Institutional Policies

Drop Policy

The policies below apply to changes made after the registration deadline two weeks prior to term. To change registration before the term starts, please log on to Populi. To change registration after the term starts, email the registrar at registrar@davenantinstitute.org. See the Academic Calendar section for exact dates.

Drop Date (100% Refund): Before the term starts, students may drop with a 100% tuition refund. Registration fee is non-refundable.

Drop Date (50% Refund): Within the first two weeks of a term, students may drop the course with a 50% tuition refund. Registration fee is non-refundable. To drop, please email the registrar.

Withdrawal: Within weeks three and four of a term, students who drop a course will receive no refund and will earn a “W” on their transcript. Students cannot drop after this time will receive a letter grade. To drop, please email the registrar.

Attendance & Class Meeting Time Scheduling

Attendance is required for all students taking courses for credit. Most classes are scheduled for evenings or weekends, especially core classes. If the scheduled time does not work for a particular student, they may drop the course according to the Drop policy.

Extension Policy

All coursework and exams must be submitted no later than two weeks after the term end date. Before that time, homework extensions are at the discretion of the instructor. If a student requires more time, the student may submit a formal extension request by emailing the registrar at registrar@davenantinstitute.org. If approved, an extension will be granted to the student for a specific period of time agreed upon by the student and instructor. Extension requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and will generally be granted for medical and family emergencies only.

Minimum Grade Requirement for Degree Students

Students enrolled in one of our degrees must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 (B average). If the students' GPA falls below 3.0, Davenant will initiate conversation with the student to judge whether the student is ready for their program. If the student earns a grade lower than a “C” (2.0) on a course required for their degree, they must retake the course in order to graduate. Their new grade will replace their former grade. If a degree student earns a grade lower than a “C” (2.0) on an elective, they are not required to retake the course, but they may request to retake the course or a close equivalent as a substitute for their former grade.

Grading Scale

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
93	90	87	83	80	77	73	70	67	63	60	

Passing: ≥93:A • ≥90:A- • ≥87:B+ • ≥83:B • ≥80:B- • ≥77:C • ≥73:C

Retake if Core: 70-72:C- • ≥67:D+ • ≥63:D • ≥60:D- • <60:F.

For a complete list of policies, see the Academic Catalog at davenanthall.com