## LAIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wanaga Amorangi

# 146.715 Israel in the Time of Jesus Course Outline

NQF Level: 7 Credit Value: 15

#### **DELIVERY MODE**

Auckland and CDL

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An introduction to the historical, geographical, political, economic, religious, and social world of first-century Palestine with a view to how this informs our understanding of Jesus' life and message. Students will begin to work with primary sources used in historical Jesus study.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- 1. Describe and discuss the historical and cultural context of first-century Palestine
- 2. Critically examine one or two approaches or sources used to determine the historical context
- 3. Demonstrate how knowledge of the historical context can inform our understanding of the gospels
- 4. Examine Jesus' life and message in light of his historical context and consider its impact
- 5. Discuss implications for us and how we might translate Jesus' message into our own contexts
- 6. Engage with primary as well as secondary sources