REL 106/JWST 106
Introduction to Early Judaism

This course surveys Jewish history and religion beginning with the First Temple period (from the time of David and Solomon) to the rise of rabbinic Judaism and the Muslim conquest of Palestine (640 A.D.). We focus especially on the Second Temple period (516 B.C.–70 A.D.), covering such topics as the impact of Hellenization (Greek culture) on the Jews, sectarianism among the Jews (Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes), the reign of Herod the Great, and the Jewish revolts against Rome. It was in this environment that Jesus lived and preached, and early Christianity developed.

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12:20PM - 1:10PM

Gen Ed Requirements: HS, BN, WB
Ideas in Action: FC-KNOWING, FC-PAST