NEW TESTAMENT BIBLIOGRAPHY

The following brief bibliography is intended to suggest the first references a seminary student engaged in theological interpretation of the New Testament will want to consult; the bibliographies and notes of these works will in turn lead the student to other significant resources. Occasional annotations suggest a work’s particular value. Commentaries are identified only by author’s name and series if applicable.

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