

## 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.

I welcome suggestions for augmenting the bibliography; please email [peterson@austingrad.edu](mailto:peterson@austingrad.edu) with "NT Bibliography" in the subject line.

### Historical Setting of Early Christianity

E. P. Sanders, *Judaism: Practice and Belief 63 BCE–66 CE*. Best and clearest account of Judaism at the time of Christian beginnings, especially in Palestine.

Hans-Josef Klauck, *The Religious Context of Early Christianity*. Most accessible introduction to the pagan milieu of the early church.

Everett Ferguson, *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*. Encyclopedic guide to the first-century historical, cultural, and religious environment.

Everett Ferguson, *Early Christians Speak* (2 vols.). Traces aspects of religious practice from the first Christian century into the second and third.

### Introductions to the New Testament and Early Christian Literature

Luke Timothy Johnson, *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*. Best one-stop introduction to the texture of the documents composing the NT.

Lee Martin McDonald and Stanley E. Porter, *Early Christianity and Its Sacred Literature*. Evangelical in orientation; superior to Johnson in its consideration of historical questions.

Raymond Brown, *Introduction to the New Testament*. Unexciting but solid; virtually defines the current consensus in historical interpretation.

### Theological Interpretation of the New Testament

N. T. Wright, *The New Testament and the People of God*. The most important work from this prolific author, now the Anglican Bishop of Durham.

Richard Bauckham, *James*. An exemplary theological exegesis of one letter which also includes an illuminating comparison of the ethics of James with Jesus' sayings, Paul, and 1 Peter (pp. 93–108, 113–57).

Nils Dahl, *Jesus the Christ*

Bruce M. Metzger, *The Canon of the NT: Its Origin, Development, and Significance*

### Jesus

Dale Allison, *Jesus of Nazareth*

Markus Bockmuehl, *This Jesus: Martyr, Lord, Messiah*

John Meier, *A Marginal Jew: Rethinking the Historical Jesus* (4 vols.; 1991–)

E. P. Sanders, *The Historical Figure of Jesus*

## The Gospels

Richard Bauckham, ed., *The Gospels for All Christians*

E. P. Sanders and Margaret Davies, *Studying the Synoptic Gospels*

Mark S. Goodacre, *The Synoptic Problem: A Way Through the Maze*

Philip S. Turner, *Hidden Gospels*

Nils Dahl, *Jesus in the Memory of the Early Church*

## Matthew

Robert Gundry

W. D. Davies and Dale Allison (3 vols., International Critical Commentary)

Paul Minear, *Matthew: The Teacher's Gospel*

Paul Minear, *The Gospel According to Matthew: A Handbook for Prophets*

## Mark

Joel Marcus, *Mark* (Anchor Bible; 2 vols.)

Robert Gundry. Largely misses the big picture, but a valuable source of information on each pericope of the Gospel.

Larry W. Hurtado (New International Commentary). Best brief guide to the interpretation of the Gospel.

Austin Farrer, *St Matthew and St Mark*. Suggestive approach, if unconventional.

## Luke

Robert Tannehill, *The Narrative Unity of Luke-Acts: A Literary Interpretation*, vol. 1

Joel Green, *The Gospel of Luke* (New International Commentary on the NT)

Luke Timothy Johnson, *The Gospel of Luke*

## John

Raymond Brown (2 vols., Anchor Bible)

Martin Hengel, *The Johannine Question*

Rudolf Schnackenburg (3 vols.)

## Acts

Robert Tannehill, *The Narrative Unity of Luke-Acts: A Literary Interpretation*, vol. 2

Colin Hemer, *The Book of Acts in the Setting of Hellenistic History*

Luke Timothy Johnson, *The Acts of the Apostles*

Bruce Winter, *The Book of Acts in Its First Century Setting* (6 vols.)

## Paul

Nils Dahl, *Studies in Paul: Theology for the Early Christian Mission*

Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *Paul and His Theology: A Brief Sketch*

E. R. Richards, *The Secretary in the Letters of Paul*

E. P. Sanders, *Paul*

### Romans

C. E. B. Cranfield

James D. G. Dunn (2 vols., Word Biblical Commentary)

Joseph Fitzmyer (Anchor Bible)

Luke Timothy Johnson, *Reading Romans*

### 1 Corinthians

Richard B. Hays (Interpretation)

Anthony Thiselton (New International Greek Testament Commentary)

Gordon D. Fee (NICNT)

### 2 Corinthians

Victor Paul Furnish (Anchor Bible)

John T. Fitzgerald (Abingdon)

### Galatians

Sam K. Williams (Abingdon)

J. Louis Martyn (Anchor Bible)

### Ephesians

Markus Barth (Anchor Bible)

Nils A. Dahl (in *Harper's Bible Commentary*)

### Philippians

Gordon D. Fee

Markus Bockmuehl

### Colossians

Markus Barth and Helmut Blanke (Anchor Bible)

### 1–2 Thessalonians

Abraham J. Malherbe (Anchor Bible)

### 1–2 Timothy, Titus

Luke Timothy Johnson, *Letters to Paul's Delegates*

### Philemon

Joseph Fitzmyer

Markus Barth and Helmut Blanke

### Hebrews

Harold Attridge (Hermeneia)

Craig Koester (Anchor Bible)

James

Luke Timothy Johnson (Anchor Bible)

Richard Bauckham, *James*

1 Peter

Paul Achtemeier (Hermeneia)

2 Peter, Jude

Richard Bauckham (WBC)

Letters of John

Raymond Brown (Anchor Bible)

Stephen Smalley (WBC)

Revelation

David Aune (3 vols., Word Biblical Commentary)

Richard Bauckham, *Theology of the Book of Revelation*

Austin Farrer, *A Rebirth of Images*

Austin Farrer, *The Revelation of St John the Divine*