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## The 'Apocalyptic' Paul

### An Analysis and Critique with Reference to Romans 1–8

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The most common critique of the so-called 'apocalyptic' reading of Paul has been terminological in nature, since the term is taken to imply a relationship to Jewish apocalypses. Yet advocates of the apocalyptic Paul use the term to signal a connection to an interpretive genealogy – primarily descended from Ernst Käsemann and J. Louis Martyn – and to affirm a set of theological convictions in relation to Paul's gospel. This invites a different engagement with the apocalyptic reading of Paul, leaving aside questions of nomenclature to explore those genealogical claims, and to examine how well those theological convictions are grounded in Paul. Therefore, David A. Shaw analyses contemporary accounts of the apocalyptic Paul in relation to the interpretive tradition with which they identify, and in relation to Romans 5–8, which has become the locus classicus of apocalyptic readings of Paul.

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Sofanit Tamene Abebe analyses the constructions of symbolic space in the later 1 Enoch texts and 1 Peter, and the extent to which their respective vision of reality is constructed on the basis of an axis linking heaven and earth through divine revelation. She argues that the revelatory basis on which the Enochic authors form their text gives their readers access to a new spatial reality. In 1 Peter, through recalling cultic spatial practices and significant events from Israel's sacred past, she depicts how the addresses form the space where the divine dwells. Such a spatial construal reconstitutes them as the mobile axis linking heaven and earth. In this way, 1 Peter construes the readers' corporate and corporeal existence in Roman Asia Minor within the Jewish matrix of exile as a mode of existence on an apocalyptic stage newly configured by Christ.

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In this volume, Chang Seon An argues that the writer(s) of the Gospel of John used Greek, Roman, and Jewish temporality to align the story of Jesus's death and resurrection within existing temporal frameworks. The Johannine Epistles built on this rhetoric, linking the imagined audience with the time of Christ genealogically and temporally, distancing them from a targeted »anti-Christ.« This »shared sense of time« informed the literatures and practices of a group of Johannine Christians known as the »Quartodecimans.« Temporality calculations were central for Christian self-definition: time was a way of elaborating forms of sameness and difference, and claiming an elevated role for Christ. Christ-followers debated what time can mean. If the imagined audiences of Christian, Jewish, Greek, and Roman works adopted the temporal schemes they defended, differences among and between groups would become obvious.



Lütticke, Lena

## Der verborgene Vater im Matthäusevangelium

Ein Beitrag zum Gottesbild und zur Gebetstheologie von Mt 6,1–6.16–18

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Lena Lütticke's work focusses on God as »Father who is and sees in secret« in Matt. 6 and relates this epithet to the overall conception of God in the Gospel of Matthew. It also traces the notion of God's hidden presence – which is a key concept for Matthew's prayer theology – in Jesus' prayer practice throughout the narrative.

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dy Carlos Araújo, Diego

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An Analysis of the Imagery in Its Graeco-Roman and Jewish Context

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The imagery of »peacemaking through Christ's blood« in Colossians 1.20b evokes conceptual frames from both the Graeco-Roman and Jewish thought worlds. To grasp the full significance of the imagery, it is necessary to explore which frames could have been activated by the writer's metaphors. In this work, Diego dy Carlos Araújo applies insights from frame semantics and conceptual metaphor to investigate the multiple frames possibly evoked in the minds of the implied readers by the metaphorical expressions εἰρηνοποιήσας διὰ τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ σταυροῦ αὐτοῦ in this passage. Colossians' own version of the message challenges the cultural and theological expectations of the audience concerning peacemaking through blood. The impact of its Christological configuration lies precisely in the incongruity between its message and the frames with which the hearers were familiar.

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## Die basileia tou theou im Markusevangelium

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Through a coherent storyline, the gospel of Mark develops the idea of the *basileia tou theou* (conventionally translated as »kingdom of God«) more and more as a concept of the royal presence of God. Judith König shows how Mark's narrative suggests that it is possible to perceive this royal presence of God even in the death of his son on the cross because the nearness of God's royal presence radically changes perception.

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Following the volume *Deacons and Diakonia in the Early Church: The First Two Centuries* (2018), this collection continues the study of deacons into the patristic era. Once again, scholars from a range of backgrounds – each an expert on a particular early Christian author or text – consider the use of *diakonos* and related words, this time from the third century onwards. These texts reveal what deacons did, further contributing to our understanding of how leadership structures developed in the past and giving guidance for the present, particularly in ecumenical discussions concerning the ministry.

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Why does the author of the Gospel of Matthew include non-Judean characters in his narrative? Tekalign Duguma Negewo attempts to answer this question based on the assumption that Matthew's Gospel played an identity-forming role for its community. As a heuristic interpretive tool, he uses the socio-narrative reading method, which merges socio-scientific criticism, narrative criticism, and semiological reading through social identity, narrative, and semiotic theories. Tekalign Duguma Negewo argues that the implied author used the non-Judean characters to form the identity of the ideal readers' community.

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Marschall, Priscille

## Colometric Analysis of Paul's Letters

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Priscille Marschall focuses on a hitherto neglected aspect of the study of the *elocutio* of Paul's letters: colometry, i.e., the way in which ancient authors used to structure their orality-oriented compositions into »côla« (κῶλα) and »periods« (περίοδοι). Based on a thorough study of rhetorical treatises from the Greco-Roman world, the author first develops a set of criteria for delineating the côla and the periods. Using 2 Corinthians 10–13 as a case study, she then examines the extent to which Paul's style complies with the conventions of structuring prose outlined by the ancient rhetoricians. Lastly, she explores the links between colometric structure and punctuation, showing how colometric analysis can inform exegetical debates related to segmentation issues and questioning how we might (re)punctuate Paul's letters in order to render something of their oral logic of structuration.

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Techow, Nicolai

## Sinners, Works of Law, and Transgression in Gal 2:14b-21

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In Gal 2:14b-21, Paul relates his rejection of justification by »works of law« closely to concepts of gentile and Jewish sinfulness. In dialogue with recent interpretation, Nicolai Techow presents a detailed study of Paul's flow of thought in this passage in its historical and literary context and asks what in particular Paul's thinking indicates. Showing that the passage does present Paul's speech to Cephas at Antioch, the author argues for an interpretation which explains it as a linear and thematically unified argument, centered on God's judgment of people in the cross of Christ as integral to justification itself. Furthermore, he shows that the concepts of sinfulness and justification not by »works of law« in this text transcend »ethnicity« and are focused on the moral-religious realm generally.

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What is Matthean fulfillment (plērōsis)? According to a triplex via of fundamental continuity, radical discontinuity, and transcendence-completion, it is the process of Christification by which those in communion with Christ become agents of his theandric activity. In light of this paradigm, the divine 'with-ness' which Christ brings his people is more profoundly appreciated. The fullness which God's covenant people enjoy via communion with Christ is nothing less than the very fullness of God: they participate in his life and love, power and providence, righteousness and perfection, virtue and glory, identity and mission. In this monograph, Andrew D. Dalton argues that plērōsis is an ongoing and ever deepening process of deification: in and through the King of kings, God has filled inaugurally, is filling perpetually, and will fill consummately his church-kingdom Israel with his own divine fullness.

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Christine R. Trotter elucidates how Hellenistic Jewish writers attempted to comfort those living in the midst of and in the wake of persecution and violence. While past scholarship has explored this question primarily in terms of the development of Jewish apocalypticism and afterlife beliefs, Christine R. Trotter takes a comprehensive approach by investigating how Hellenistic Jewish authors engaged with ancient consolatory rhetoric, that is, the means of persuasion intended to move a suffering person out of grief and into joy. Through studies on 2 Maccabees, the Wisdom of Solomon, 1 Thessalonians, and Hebrews, the author explicates how Hellenistic Jewish authors navigated the diverse traditions of consolation within their biblical heritage and Greco-Roman culture. Her work has important implications for the genre of 1 Thessalonians and the dates of composition of the Wisdom of Solomon and Hebrews.

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## The Image of the Invisible God

### An Exegetical Study of Colossians 1:15–20

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Given the human propensity for making and using various kinds of images, it is little surprise that religious-philosophical authors from various ancient cultures used the concept of an »image« when speaking of the divine. What does the author of Colossians mean to convey by calling Jesus Christ the »image of the invisible God«? Through an examination of various image discourses and a detailed exegetical study of Colossians 1:15–20, T.R. Niles situates the image concept of Colossians within the image discourse of the first century A.D. and elucidates its specific contours.

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Waalder, Erik

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Recent scholarship on Hebrews has focused on Christ's sacrifice, resurrection, atonement, and priesthood. Though these discussions focus on the pre-and-post ascension mediatorial role of Jesus, there has been minimal attention paid to »intercession« as the present mediatorial task of Jesus in heaven. In this volume, Abeneazer G. Urga examines the background and nature of Jesus' heavenly intercession in the Epistle to the Hebrews. He demonstrates that the author of Hebrews has primarily depended on the LXX and some texts of the New Testament – while remaining cognizant of the theme of intercession in Second Temple Literature – in the formulation of the motif of Jesus' high priestly intercession. Urga also argues that Jesus' heavenly intercession is *vocalis et realis*, and that his intercession is made in order to procure help and the forgiveness of sin for God's people in their time of need.

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In this study, Julie Newberry advances scholarship on emotions in biblical literature by examining the conditions – that is, the circumstances, dispositions, practices, and commitments – that lead to joy in Luke's narrative. Focused primarily on the Gospel, the author traces joy's interconnection with the wider life of discipleship, using an eclectically interdisciplinary approach that foregrounds literary-theological and intertextual analysis. Julie Newberry argues that, for Luke, the conditions that facilitate appropriate joy include both divine action to bring about joy-conducive circumstances and human receptivity. The latter is bound up with factors such as properly oriented hope, trust, and the generous use of possessions, rendering intelligible Luke's portrayal of joy as mandatory, praiseworthy, or blameworthy in particular circumstances.

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## Dieu et ses anges dans le Nouveau Testament

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La figure céleste des anges constitue une part importante des représentations du monde divin dans la littérature biblique. Se déclinant selon des nuances variées, leur fonction s'adapte aux diverses nécessités de mise en scène dans le déroulement de l'histoire du salut. Les anges sont notamment sollicités pour préserver la transcendance de Dieu, tout en la révélant par leur présence ou par leur action en son nom. Le présent volume contribue à l'étude de l'angéologie biblique, non sans déborder le champ strict du canon en direction du judaïsme ancien proche de la période néotestamentaire qui accorde une place importante aux représentations apocalyptiques du monde céleste. Les différentes contributions s'intéressent aux actions des anges dans les textes et récits étudiés, mais elles étendent cette recherche à la détermination de leur fonction littéraire. Si cette dernière peut être d'ordre poétique, mythologique ou cosmogonique, elle a toujours une visée théologique. En effet, le dénominateur commun à tous les rôles tenus par des anges est de dévoiler quelques traits caractéristiques du portrait de Dieu et de révéler certains aspects de son dessein salvifique.

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MacDiarmid, Frazer

## The Memory of Ignatius of Antioch

### The Martyr as a Locus of Christian Identity, Remembering and Remembered

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The concept of 'memory' provides remarkable insight into the early second-century bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch. In this work, Frazer MacDiarmid seeks to explore the nature of this insight and unpack its significance. Ignatius' rich literary legacy and personal preoccupation with remembering make him uniquely suited among early Christians to be unlocked by the key of memory. As is becoming increasingly recognised, remembering in community is central to the development of the early church, its theology and self-understanding. This volume is structured around three related questions: What is the nature of the memories inherited by Ignatius and his communities, and how are they engaged in the rhetorical and polemical context of his letters? How does Ignatius construct himself as a figure to be remembered by Christian interpreters? And how was Ignatius in fact memorialised in early Christian history?

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## Die Schriftzitate im Hebräerbrief als Zeugen für die Überlieferung der Septuaginta

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The Old Testament quotations in the Epistle to the Hebrews are a fascinating but also complex subject of study, in which the question of the textual form of these quotations has a particularly high significance both for the reconstruction of the New Testament text and for the textual history of the Septuagint. The essays in this volume address this question from their individual perspectives, but with constant reference to the close connection between the New Testament text and the Old Testament tradition, for which the citation texts of the Epistle to the Hebrews represent an important text-historical witness. The contributions are based on papers presented during a workshop organised by the Institut für Septuaginta und biblische Textforschung (ISBTF) at the Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal in March 2021.

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Heinsch, Ryan

## The Figure of Hagar in Ancient Judaism and Galatians

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To date, scholarly study of the allegory of Hagar and Sarah in Galatians 4:21–31 has not paid adequate attention to the way Paul's use of the story – chiefly in relation to the figure of Hagar – can be located within streams of ancient Jewish tradition. In this study, Ryan Heinsch fills this scholarly gap by considering Paul's allegorical portrayal of the figure of Hagar in Galatians 4:21–31 within the context of ancient Judaism. The author argues that Paul stands in continuity with – rather than against – ancient Judaism in that he, like other Jews in antiquity, portrays Hagar and her descendants as non-Jews. As a result, the author demonstrates further that Galatians 4:21–31 is not to be read as a polemic against Jews, Jewish Christ-followers, or the continuing validity of the Jewish law (as is common among interpreters), but rather, that Galatians 4:21–31 is an allegory Paul develops about the experience of gentiles in general and the once pagan Galatian gentiles in particular.

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Vortisch, Johannes

## Das unschuldige Blut im Matthäusevangelium

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Only Matthew's Gospel refers back to the shedding of innocent blood repeatedly attested to in the Scriptures of Israel to interpret the death of Jesus. Johannes Vortisch shows that by using this motif the intertextual references suggest that the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD is understood as a punishment for the crucifixion of Jesus.

McCullough, David John

## Ritual and Religious Experience in Early Christianities

### The Spirit In Between

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In this volume, David John McCullough offers a narratological, discourse analysis, and literary exegesis of texts in Paul and Luke-Acts, followed by interpretation with social anthropological approaches. The author challenges common assumptions about Paul, such as that Paul thought the spirit to be communicated through water baptism, or the notion that 'justification' was non-experiential and unrelated to ritual. He refutes the view that Luke was either incoherent or unconcerned or a poor editor of sources regarding early Christian initiation practices and questions the belief that water baptism was the cardinal initiation rite among early Christianities. He instead argues that spirit possession marked by dissociation and glossolalia was the cardinal initiation ritual for Pauline and Lukan communities.

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## Patterns of Deification in the Acts of the Apostles

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Five times throughout the course of Luke's narrative in Acts, an individual character is identified as (a) god. Rarely have scholars read these deification scenes within their narrative and historical settings with sufficient care. With regard to the narrative setting, scholars working on the deification scenes tend to take one or another as normative and read the remaining acclamations in light of a particular interpretation of that one pericope. However, such reading strategies run aground when they arrive at the final acclamation (28:1–10), which breaks the exegetical bow of the interpretive ship. In this study, Daniel B. Glover evaluates the deification scenes in the Book of Acts by locating them within the broader ancient Mediterranean context of deification. He offers a fresh reading of Acts that situates each of the five scenes within a distinct literary pattern recognizable to its earliest readers.

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Foster, Christopher G.

## Communal Participation in the Spirit

### The Corinthian Correspondence in Light of Early Jewish Mysticism in the Dead Sea Scrolls

Christopher G. Foster identifies Jewish mystical elements in the Dead Sea Scrolls and compares them with analogous features in the Corinthian correspondence to illuminate through differences and similarities how Paul advocates a mystical and communal participation in the Spirit. After defining early Jewish mysticism and introducing the method of heuristic comparison, Part I identifies and investigates mystical elements in Dead Sea Scrolls. Part II compares these findings with corresponding aspects in 1 and 2 Corinthians to demonstrate the largely corporate tenor of participation and transformation *in* and *by* the spirit for Paul.

Baron, Lori A.

## The Shema in John's Gospel

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The Shema (Deut 6:4–5) is the lens through which Lori A. Baron explores Johannine Christology and the fraught relationship between John's Gospel and Judaism. She begins by examining the use of the Shema in the Hebrew Bible and Second Temple literature, where it is frequently evoked in scenes of covenant renewal; to support adherence to Jewish law; and in prophetic oracles of restoration. The Shema functions similarly in John's Gospel, where Jesus' unity with God is expressed in terms of the »oneness« of the Shema (e.g., 10:30; 17:21–23): Jesus is within the divine unity. While the Synoptic Gospels cite the Shema explicitly and while Paul uses the Shema Christologically, in John, the Shema is an apologetic foil against accusations of bitheism; it is used polemically against Jesus' opponents; and it signals that followers of Jesus represent the promised restoration of Israel.

Winzenburg, Justin

## Ephesians and Empire

### An Evaluation of the Epistle's Subversion of Roman Imperial Ideology

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While recent publications have explored the relationship between New Testament texts and early Roman imperial ideology, Ephesians has been underanalyzed in these conversations. In this study, Justin Winzenburg provides an original contribution to the field by assessing how matters of the disputed authorship, audience, and date of Ephesians have varied consequences for the imperial-critical status of the epistle. Previously underexplored elements of the Roman context of Ephesians, with a focus on *maiestas* [treason] charges, imperial cults, and Roman imperial eschatology are examined in light of the two major theories of the date of the epistle. The author concludes that, while there are limitations to an imperial-critical reading of the epistle, some of the epistle's speech acts can be understood as subversive of Roman imperial ideology.

Alma, Filippo

## L'accueil de l'autre dans sa diversité

### La stratégie de médiation de Paul à l'égard des faibles et des forts à Rome (Romains 14,1–15,13)

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Dans cette monographie, Filippo Alma propose une analyse exégétique et théologique du discours exhortatif de Paul en Rm 14,1–15,13, dans le contexte large de la lettre aux Romains et du christianisme naissant à Rome. À cet effet, après avoir rappelé les données principales du long débat existant notamment autour de l'identité socio-historique des »faibles dans la foi« et des forts, sur laquelle subsistent encore des obscurités, l'auteur expose un commentaire sensible aux outils de la rhétorique ancienne, et en particulier de la »rhétorique paulinienne«. Cela aide l'auteur à saisir l'essence de la stratégie rhétorico-pastorale de médiation mise en place par Paul pour faire face à l'état de tension et de conflit, de mépris et de jugement, résultant des différentes pratiques des disciples de Jésus à Rome, vers le milieu du I<sup>er</sup> siècle de notre ère.

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Euler, Alida C.

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Eine intertextuelle Studie zur Verwendung, theologischen Relevanz und strukturgebenden Funktion der Psalmen in Mt 26–27 im Lichte frühjüdischer Psalmenreklure

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In his passion narrative, Matthew draws on Psalms while presenting the events situated in Gethsemani, before the high council and Pilate, and during the crucifixion. Alida C. Euler carves out these heterogeneous references, charts them within the reception of Psalms within Matthew's Gospel as a whole and contextualizes them as part of the Early Jewish reception of Psalms.

Thompson, W. H. Paul

## Pauline Slave Welfare in Historical Context

An Equality Analysis

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W. H. Paul Thompson critiques modern scholarship on Pauline slavery for failing to define and reason consistently about equality. Instead, he engages in an equality analysis of Aristotle and Seneca in their Greco-Roman contexts, the Torah and its Jewish reception, and selected Pauline texts. Focusing on slave welfare – how slaves should be treated relative to free persons of the same historical context – rather than on abolitionism or reinforcement of slave submission, the author argues for a distinctive Jewish ethic of numerically equal treatment between slave and free that imitates Yahweh's impartiality. The Apostle reorients this ethic into a Christocentric framework to intensify both the quality of slave obedience and the degree of slave welfare required relative to the prevailing Roman ethos.

Marulli, Luca

## La reconfiguration épistémique du lecteur de Marc

Perspectives synchroniques et diachroniques sur le récit du démoniaque de Gérasa (Mc 5.1–20) mis en résonance avec les jeunes hommes de 14.51–52 et 16.1–8

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Le récit du démoniaque de Gérasa (Mc 5.1–20) constitue le récit d'exorcisme le plus élaboré de tout le Nouveau Testament. La conjugaison de l'analyse de type narratologique avec une étude des dimensions historiques, sociales et religieuses sous-jacentes au texte met en valeur la force reconfiguratrice du récit. Ce récit participe au projet mis en œuvre par l'auteur implicite à l'échelle de tout l'évangile de Marc. Luca Marulli montre comment, dans cette perspective, on peut apprécier la place et l'enjeu de Mc 5.1–20 dans la trame de l'évangile, notamment en relation avec la figure du jeune homme qui s'enfuit nu (14.51–52) et avec la péripécie qui met en scène le jeune homme au tombeau (16.1–8). Lire Mc 5.1–20 avec et *après* 14.51–52 et 16.1–8 amène à une reconfiguration épistémique du lecteur relative aux thèmes de l'identité de Jésus, de la nature de la suivance et de la relation envisagée entre le disciple et son Maître absent.

Chen, Yu

## The Ritual Dimension of Union With Christ in Paul's Thought

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The study of »in Christ« language in New Testament scholarship has received widespread attention in recent years. Nevertheless, despite all the perspectives from which scholars have treated this topic, one aspect of »in Christ« language has received only scant attention: its ritual or sacramental aspect. While theological, epistemological, and linguistic factors have contributed to the downplaying of rituals like baptism and the Lord's Supper in the New Testament, Yu Chen develops the framework of a ritual transformation model from ritual theories to place the study of ritual in its rightful place. Accordingly, the author focuses on the historical and social implications of the ritual performance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, which are used to explain the mechanisms of union with Christ. Finally, he argues that rituals provide participants with access to the transformative experience of encountering the risen Messiah.



Gustafsson, Daniel

## Aspects of Coherency in Luke's Composite Christology

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Luke has often been understood to transmit a variety of Christological traditions without reflecting on them in relation to each other. In this study, Daniel Gustafsson challenges such positions and demonstrates that when the Gospel of Luke is approached as a narrative, a different picture emerges. Presentations of Jesus as »Messiah«, »Son of God«, »prophet«, and »Son of Man« are shown to conform to Luke's overall plot and significantly overlap each other. The voices of characters with high authority, the use of Scripture, and Jesus's relationship to the Holy Spirit are examples of other factors that contribute to coherency in Luke's Christology.

Stewart, Tyler A.

## The Origin and Persistence of Evil in Galatians

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In this study, Tyler A. Stewart investigates narrative explanations for evil in Galatians set in the context of Second Temple Judaism and early Christianity. Scholarship has typically interpreted Paul's view of evil based on Adam's fall or a mere reflex of Christology. In contrast, the author argues that in Galatians Paul's view of evil is based on the narrative of rebellious angels found in the Book of Watchers. Additionally, he claims that Paul's use of Enochic tradition is consistent with Second Temple Jewish literature and finds support in early Christian reception of Galatians.

Tops, Thomas

## Paroimia and Parrēsia in the Gospel of John

### A Historical-Hermeneutical Study

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The language of the Gospel of John is known for its complexity. On the basis of the modern standards of transparency and logic, previous scholars have depicted this language as obscure, confusing, and mysterious. Thomas Tops goes beyond these oversimplifications by providing an in-depth historical study of John's characterisation of Jesus' language with the terms *paroimia* and *parrēsia*. By providing original insights in these terms, the author offers a new perspective on the functioning of Johannine language. As the Johannine Jesus teaches both through *paroimia* and *parrēsia*, his language conceals and reveals at the same time. His criticism is veiled and calls on its addressees to search for the hidden meanings of his words. Veiled speech allows the Johannine Jesus to criticise his opponents and openly reveal his messianic identity to those who cannot accept the truth in any other way.

Lloyd, J. A.

## Archaeology and the Itinerant Jesus

### A Historical Enquiry into Jesus' Itinerant Ministry in the North

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New Testament scholars generally agree that the historical Jesus was itinerant. Mark claims that Jesus travelled among the towns and villages of Galilee, preached in their synagogues, attracted large crowds, and journeyed through the surrounding regions. Yet few settlements are named, there is no clear itinerary of Jesus' travels, and the summary travel statements belong to Mark's editorial material. Consequently, there is a high degree of uncertainty concerning Jesus' itinerant ministry. However, archaeological surveys have discovered approximately 200 Early Roman period towns and villages in Galilee, with a material culture that is distinctively Jewish. Jewish identity markers have also been found at sites in surrounding regions. In this study, J. A. Lloyd draws on archaeological data and literary sources to explore the extent and plausibility of Jesus' itinerant ministry as depicted in Mark 1.14–8.30.

Niepert-Rumel, Sophia

## Metaphernkombinationen in der neutestamentlichen Rede vom Tod Jesu

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Jesus' death presented a huge challenge to the first Christians. In order to cast an adequate light on its relevance, they used multiple metaphors in partly contradictory combinations. This study first examines metaphor combinations in a theoretical way so as to apply them to the New Testament.

Harper, John-Paul

## Paul and Philo on the Politics of the Land, Jerusalem, and Temple

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In this study, John-Paul Harper critically compares how Paul and Philo rethought the significant Jewish symbols of Land, Jerusalem, and Temple. Drawing particular attention to their political significance, he demonstrates how these symbols offer important insights into how both Paul and Philo conceptualised authority in the local community (Temple), within the wider »people of God« (Jerusalem), and in relation to the Roman Empire (Land). The author argues that, while both conceptualised authority in charismatic terms, Philo's appropriation tended to be more individualistic and focussed on otherworldly realities, whereas Paul's tended to be more communal and focussed on this-worldly realities. Along the way, the author contributes to contemporary discussions of Paul and Philo's Jewish identity, their perspectives on community leadership and order, and their perspectives on the Roman Empire.

Eurell, John-Christian

## Peter's Legacy in Early Christianity

### The Appropriation and Use of Peter's Authority in the First Three Centuries

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John-Christian Eurell studies how Peter's authority is portrayed to create legitimacy in Christian texts. Peter emerges as a central figure in the diverse early Christian movement and is used to discuss theological legitimacy. The main divide is between those who argue that legitimate theology should have a conservative point of departure based on traditional material handed down from the earthly Jesus and an apostolic succession based on interpersonal relations and those who argue in favour of a more progressive point of departure which places emphasis on contemporary charismatic experiences. These perspectives are utilised by groups of various theological persuasions to argue their own position. Peter is seen as a positive and negative example for both these ways of creating legitimacy.

Manomi, Dogara Ishaya

## Virtue Ethics in the Letter to Titus

### An Interdisciplinary Study. Kontexte und Normen neutestamentlicher Ethik / Contexts and Norms of New Testament Ethics. Volume XII

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Dogara Ishaya Manomi analyzes and identifies the characteristics of (neo-)Aristotelian virtue ethics that are implicitly and explicitly embedded in the linguistic elements, theological motifs, and ethical norms in the letter to Titus. He argues that (neo-)Aristotelian virtue ethics and the ethical perspectives of Titus share the following features: a sense of a moral telos that leads to human flourishing; emphasis on character, habits, and inner dispositions; focus on the morality of persons more than the morality of actions; commitment to moral perfectionism; particularity of moral agents; the concept of moral exemplar; a concern for character development through training or moral education; and a consideration of the moral significance of community. The author concludes, therefore, that there is a significant correlation between (neo-)Aristotelian virtues ethics and the ethical perspectives of the letter to Titus, to the extent that the letter to Titus can be described as a virtue-ethical text. Moreover, his research concludes that the virtue-ethical perspectives of Titus, in comparison with African ethics, have foundational and narrative differences, yet they share some important similarities. However, through progressive hermeneutical negotiations, concessions, appropriations, and application between the two virtue-ethical perspectives, there emerges a new virtue-ethical horizon described as »African Biblical Virtue Ethics,« which is, as accountable as possible, faithful to the virtue-ethical perspectives of Titus and »at home« to African Christian ethics. This study was awarded the prestigious Johannes Gutenberg Dissertation Prize.

Rucker, Timothy M.

## The Temple Keys of Isaiah 22:22, Revelation 3:7, and Matthew 16:19

### The Isaianic Temple Background and Its Spatial Significance for the Mission of Early Christ Followers

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Timothy Rucker demonstrates in this study that the temple was a key background for Shebna's position and offense in Isa 22:15–25, which opens a new door for reconsidering the allusions in Rev 3:7–13 and Matt 16:18–19. He uses intertextuality and critical spatiality in order to interpret these allusions and their potential implications for the conception of sacred space among some early Christ followers. The open door of Rev 3:8 is an opportunity to reclaim potential sacred space for God on earth, so that others may become God's sacred space as well. In Matt 16:18–19, Peter's key foundational role is to provide teaching that will lead to both Jesus' assembly manifesting the righteousness of the kingdom on earth and to other Jews following Jesus as the Messiah. Thus, the temple imagery of Isa 22:22 encourages missionary engagement in both New Testament contexts.

Longarino, Joseph

## Pauline Theology and the Problem of Death

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Joseph Longarino addresses a long-standing but rarely discussed problem in Pauline studies: Given Paul's understanding of how God has acted in Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to overcome death, how do we explain the ongoing existence of death? Through an examination of the Pauline letters, particularly Romans, the author offers two interrelated explanations, one causal and the other teleological. From the causal perspective, he argues that sin in the form of the sinful passions remains connected to the body even of Christians, which allows sin to exercise an ongoing corrupting influence on the body. From the teleological angle, the author contends that God uses mortality to deepen the divine-human and interpersonal relationships.

Tack, Laura

## John 14:6 in Light of Jewish-Christian Dialogue

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In John 14:6, the Johannine Jesus claims to be the way, the truth and the life, and the sole access point to the Father. This verse is often viewed as a stumbling block for the interreligious dialogues and the Jewish-Christian dialogue in particular. By presenting a detailed exegesis and a future-oriented hermeneutics of this metaphorical expression in the Fourth Gospel, Laura Tack opens new avenues of interpretation. She shows that truth, for John, is not relativistic but relational, because truth exists from the moment it is shared. Sharing truth is the dialogical process of revelation and the way that leads to life.

den Heijer, Arco

## Portraits of Paul's Performance in the Book of Acts

### Luke's Apologetic Strategy in the Depiction of Paul as Messenger of God

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In the Book of Acts, Paul is portrayed as a messenger who brings the good news of God to the world. He is a commanding orator who captivates his audiences, including a Roman senatorial proconsul and a Jewish king, with his gestures, appearance, and speeches. His performances appeal to both Greco-Roman and Jewish cultural scripts alike. But why does Luke portray Paul in this way? Using insights from both modern performance studies and ancient rhetoric, Arco den Heijer analyses five episodes from Acts (in Paphos, Pisidian Antioch, Lystra, Athens, and before Agrippa in Caesarea) to suggest that Luke's portraits of Paul's performance served to counter negative views of Christians in both Roman and Jewish circles, views that circulated in the social network of Theophilus, the addressee of the book.

White, B.G.

## Pain and Paradox in 2 Corinthians

### The Transformative Function of Strength in Weakness

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Most studies of 2 Corinthians characterize the community as rebels who accuse Paul of weakness. Paul is thought to respond defensively, asserting his power in weakness. B.G. White confronts this consensus by arguing that interpreters overlook the material's most immediate context – a pained community (2:1–7; 7:5–16). After arguing that the Corinthians have ongoing pains, the author develops the implications for the interpretation of the strength in weakness paradox and the letter's literary integrity in a variety of texts (e.g. 1:3–11, 4:7–15, 6:1–13, 12:1–10). He argues that Paul's paradoxical life is a paradigm for the community to learn how Christ transforms their pains to create new emotions and behaviors – even reconciliation with Paul. More than a fiery retort, 2 Corinthians has the pastoral purpose of increasing human potential in weakness, without rendering that weakness inherently redemptive.

## Isaiah's Servants in Early Judaism and Christianity

### The Isaian Servant and the Exegetical Formation of Community Identity

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The Book of Isaiah describes an Israelite group called the »servants,« who suffered for their righteousness and were promised vindication. This collection of essays shows how the Isaian »servants« texts were used by early Jewish and Christian readers to shape their own community identity. It includes analyses of Psalms 22, 69, and 102, Daniel, Wisdom of Solomon, Mark, Luke and Acts, Romans, 2 Corinthians, Philippians, 1 Peter, Revelation, and Targum Jonathan on Isaiah, as well as investigations into the relationship between exegesis and identity formation and into how the Isaian Servant(s) are presented within the framework of Israel's history.

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Cole, Daniel M. I.

## Isaiah's Servant in Paul

### The Hermeneutics and Ethics of Paul's Use of Isaiah 49–54

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Several early Christians identify Isaiah's Servant of the Lord as Jesus; yet Paul appears to connect the Servant with himself. In this study, Daniel Cole examines the hermeneutical warrants and ethical implications of Paul's use of texts within Isa. 49–54, arguing that this section constitutes a coherent prophetic narrative in which God saves a new people from sin by the Servant's death and subsequent work in his followers, the servants. While several Second Temple works interpret elements of this prophecy with differing conceptions of history, Paul sees Isaiah's Servant fulfilled in Jesus' death and subsequent spiritual union with the apostle. The author thus demonstrates that the coherent salvation history of the Servant prophecy provides both the interpretive framework for Paul's reading of Isaiah and the relational definitions for the imperatives that Paul places on himself and others.

Maier, Daniel

## Das Glück im antiken Judentum und im Neuen Testament

Eine Untersuchung zu den Konzepten eines guten Lebens in der Literatur des Zweiten Tempels und deren Einfluss auf die frühchristliche Wahrnehmung des Glücks



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Daniel Maier examines concepts of happiness in Second Temple literature. By analyzing different traditions of understanding the good life in Ancient Judaism, he opens up fresh perspectives on concepts of happiness in the New Testament that cannot be identified without their Jewish background and have been largely overlooked in the scholarly study of this field so far. This work was awarded the Manfred Görg Juniorprize 2021.

Filannino, Francesco

## The Theological Programme of Mark

### Exegesis and Function of Mark 1:1,2–15

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In this study, Francesco Filannino focuses on the introductory section of Mark's Gospel (Mark 1:1–15), which scholars believe to be the key to understanding the whole narrative of Mark. In it, one can recognise an *incipit* (Mark 1:1) and a proper introduction (Mark 1:2–15). The author studies the text of Mark 1:1, 2–15 through a detailed exegesis which attempts to combine diachronic and synchronic approaches. Exegetical analysis highlights the theological contents of this section, which can be classified within the most important poles of Marcan theology: Christology, eschatology, soteriology, and discipleship. The purpose of the study is to show that the *incipit* and the introduction of the Second Gospel represent a programmatic anticipation of the contents of each of these theological poles and end up by constituting a »miniature« of the theology of the Second Gospel.

Schröder, Michael

## Das Galiläa der Heiden

### Untersuchungen zur Galiläakonzeption im Matthäusevangelium

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Michael Schröder investigates all relevant parts of the Old Testament and ancient Jewish writings to find out how the phrase »Galilee of the Gentiles« (Mt. 4, 15) is to be understood. It becomes apparent that this is above all a theological statement. In Galilee all promises are fulfilled and it demonstrates that the gentiles can also belong to God's people.

Jabbarian, Tina

## Die Niedrigkeit Jesu und seiner Jüngerschaft

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In the narrative passage Mt 16:21–20:34, Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem and prepares his disciples for the time after his death. Tina Jabbarian shows that the passage concerns itself with the themes of lowliness, service, renunciation of status, and the emulation of his suffering, for which Jesus himself functions as a role model. She thus devotes herself to the connection between ethical teachings and Christological references.

Wandel, Simon

## Gottesbild und Barmherzigkeit

### Lukanische Ethik im Chor hellenistischer Ethikkonzeptionen



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Luke's ethics were profoundly shaped by his image of God, and mercy played a prominent part in this. Simon Wandel explains the provocative power and the potential of an ethics of mercy, particularly in comparison with other Hellenistic conceptions of ethics.

Edelmann, Jens-Arne

## Das Römische Imperium im Lukanischen Doppelwerk

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## Im Gespräch mit C. F. Georg Heinrici

Beiträge zwischen Theologie und Religionswissenschaft

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C.F. Georg Heinrici (1844–1915) was a pioneer in research on Hellenism and Christianity, he explored the significance of associations in antiquity for understanding early Christian congregations and also founded the »Neuer Wettstein« project. This volume combines a recognition of his contributions with studies which continue his approach to the current dialogue between theology and religious studies.

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Howes, Llewellyn

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In this study, Llewellyn Howes analyses the formative stratum (or earliest redactional layer) of the Sayings Gospel Q. He argues that certain texts in Q that have traditionally been excluded from its earliest layer should rather be included. In the process, the message of Q's formative stratum is reconsidered, featuring interesting and novel interpretations of certain Q texts that draw from advances in our knowledge of the logia and parables of Jesus, as well as the ancient Jewish world. Ultimately, the study argues that the formative stratum was a unified document before subsequent redactional layers were added, with interesting and important consequences for our understanding of the historical Jesus.

## Representations of Angelic Beings in Early Jewish and in Christian Traditions

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Angelic beings have occupied an important place in many traditions within Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple times up until the present. In this volume, essays by scholars from the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and North America draw attention to a wide variety of ways in which traditions about angels were addressed and developed over time, including examples from the Hebrew Bible, the Dead Sea Scrolls and related literature, early Christian writings, »magical« texts, and the rich heritage of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. The contributions as a whole demonstrate the interwovenness of Jewish and Christian tradition and, in turn, reveal how much the consideration of angelology reflects broader hermeneutical, textual, and tradition-historical approaches to the study of religion.

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Wassell, Blake

## John 18:28–19:22 and the Paradox of Judgement

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In this study, Blake Wassell applies new Roman and Jewish contexts to a Johannine ambiguity, which is Pilate declaring Jesus both innocent and guilty of making himself King of the Ἰουδαῖοι. Pilate repeats that he finds in Jesus no basis for the accusation, and yet he also writes the content of the accusation in the inscription on the cross. The paradox leads readers into another paradox: the Ἰουδαῖοι make themselves the accused as they make the accusation, and Jesus conquers as he is conquered. The author analyses how they destroy the temple of his body, so that he can raise it and how they exalt him, so that he can reveal himself.

Wyckoff, Eric John

## John 4:1–42 among the Biblical Well Encounters

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In this study, Eric John Wyckoff proposes a new approach to an ongoing scholarly discussion. How can the relationship among the encounters at wells narrated in the Pentateuch (Genesis 24 and 29, Exodus 2) and the New Testament (John 4) be defined? Does the latter assume the reader's familiarity with the former? If so, then what sort of interpretation of the Torah texts is presupposed, and what significance does this have for the exegesis of the Gospel pericope? The author analyzes the literary parallels and investigates textual clues as to how these came to be intertwined with words and actions of Jesus and thematically refocused in the Fourth Gospel. What comes to light is a complex interrelation which does not fall neatly into a single literary category, inviting readers to interpret the Johannine Samaria narrative in light of three passages from the Pentateuch, and vice versa.

Breu, Clarissa

## Autorschaft in der Johannesoffenbarung

Eine postmoderne Lektüre



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In this book, Clarissa Breu applies postmodern authorship theories, especially by Michel Foucault and Jacques Derrida, to New Testament texts with the Book of Revelation as the main point of reference. Her analysis of authorial absent presence leads to a description of New Testament authorship as testimony and to a reassessment of the category of »author«.

Heidel, Andreas-Christian

## Das glaubende Gottesvolk

### Der Hebräerbrief in israeltheologischer Perspektive

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The Epistle to the Hebrews is often accused in academic and church statements of having a negative relationship to Judaism or of having promoted an anti-Jewish attitude throughout history. Yet contrary to this frequent criticism, neither Old Testament tradition nor the role of Israel is marginalised in Hebrews. In his exegetical study, Andreas-Christian Heidel shows that by rereading the letter's overall theological testimony based on Heb. 11:39–40, an ecclesiological plan of the salvation of God can be expressed in analogy to Rom. 9–11. The aim of this plan is the eschatological unification of the one believing people of God, running through all ages, places and human identities as an invisible community. This unity is not jeopardised by the meaning and the confession of Jesus as Christ, but is in fact guaranteed by it.

Bowden, Andrew

## Desire in Paul's Undisputed Epistles

### Semantic Observations on the Use of *epithymēō*, *ho epithymētēs*, and *epithymía* in Roman Imperial Texts

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In this study, Andrew Bowden analyzes Paul's use of »desire« (*ἐπιθυμέω*, *ἐπιθυμητής*, and *ἐπιθυμία*) in his undisputed epistles. After introducing critical research on these lexemes, the author applies John Lyons's theory of semantic analysis to the use of *ἐπιθυμέω* κτλ in Roman imperial texts. Based on these observations, he makes a hypothesis concerning the common co-occurrences of »desire« in Roman imperial texts, its antonyms, the objects it longs for, and its use within metaphorical discourse. This hypothesis is then tested by looking at the use of »desire« in Dio Chrysostom, Epictetus, Lucian of Samosata, the Cynic epistles, and Second Temple Jewish texts. Andrew Bowden illustrates how, contrary to the view of many scholars, these Roman imperial authors consistently mention positive objects of »desire.« He then applies these findings concerning »desire« to Paul, yielding important and sometimes unexpected discoveries.

Basczok, Jan David

## Szenen, Inszenierungen und Bühnen in der Apostelgeschichte

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The Acts of the Apostles recounts the spread of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean world. Jan David Basczok describes the various stations along the way of this journey as well as how the author uses them to paint a picture of the origin of Christianity for the work's readers. He asks, finally, why we even have the Acts of the Apostles at all.

King, Fergus J.

## Epicureanism and the Gospel of John

### A Study of their Compatibility



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The Gospel of John and Epicureanism share vocabulary and reject the conventions of Graeco-Roman theology. Would it then have been easy for an Epicurean to become a Christian or vice-versa? Fergus J. King suggests that such claims become unlikely when detailed analyses of the two traditions are set out and compared. The first step in his examination looks at evidence for potential engagement between the two traditions historically and geographically. Both traditions address concerns about the good life, death, and the divine. However, this correspondence soon unravels as their worldviews are far from identical. Shared terms (like Saviour), their respective rituals, and teaching about community life reveal substantial differences in ethos and behaviour.

Peter, Achim

## Akoluthiewahrung und Jesusüberlieferung im Jakobusbrief

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Is there any Jesus tradition in James, and if so what is there to be said about this tradition? In his work, Achim Peter addresses these questions, focusing also on the manner in which Old Testament traditions and Jesus traditions are related to each other and are mutually explanatory.

Mortensen, Hallur

## The Baptismal Episode as Trinitarian Narrative

### Proto-Trinitarian Structures in Mark's Conception of God

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Hallur Mortensen examines the concept of God in Mark's Gospel, with particular emphasis on the baptismal scene of 1:9–11. This he closely relates to the beginning and end of the prologue (1:2–3 and 1:14–15) concerning the coming of the Lord, the gospel, and the kingdom of God. The allusions of the divine voice to Psalm 2 and Isaiah 42 reveal the function and identity of Jesus as the Son of God and thus also of God as the father of Jesus. The identity and descent of the Spirit at the baptism as an anointing is discussed in detail, and has a critical function in the coming of the kingdom and the defeat of Satan. These aspects are examined in the context of Jewish monotheism and what Hans W. Frei calls the »intention-action description« of identity – that 'being' is constituted by 'action' – and Mortensen thus argues that Mark's Gospel portrays a proto- and narrative trinitarian conception of God.

Carrier, Brian

## Earthquakes and Eschatology in the Gospel According to Matthew

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In this study, Brian Carrier provides a comprehensive analysis of the role that seismic language plays within the Matthean Gospel narrative. After reconstructing what connotations seismic language likely carried in Matthew's cultural context, the author utilizes an historically informed author-oriented narrative criticism that is complemented with redaction criticism to analyze the relationships that Matthew's seismic references display with regards to each other and to the overall narrative. This analysis leads to the conclusion that Matthew's seismic references collectively indicate that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus together represent the partial fulfillment of the Old Testament eschatological Day of the Lord.

Lee, John J. R.

## Christological Rereading of the Shema (Deut 6.4) in Mark's Gospel

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In Mark's Gospel, the Shema language of Deut 6.4 is not merely reiterated in a traditional sense but reinterpreted in a striking way that links Jesus directly and inseparably with Israel's unique God. Such an innovative rereading of the Shema must be understood in light of (a) various elements involved in and surrounding each of the three monotheistic references (Mark 2.7; 10.18; 12.29) relating to their respective literary contexts, and (b) Mark's nuanced, complex, and even paradoxical portrait of Jesus' relationship to God throughout his gospel. John J.R. Lee shows that Mark's use of the one-God language implies that his Jesus is not merely one who, as a Shema-observant Jew, speaks on behalf of God but also one whose status and significance fundamentally correspond to those of Israel's unique deity.

Kusio, Mateusz

## The Antichrist Tradition in Antiquity

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Mateusz Kusio traces and investigates the references to the Antichrist across ancient Jewish and Christian literature. Beginning with a reception-historical study of a number of eschatological and oracular texts in the Hebrew Bible, he goes on to discuss texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls, the New Testament, biblical pseudepigrapha and Apocrypha, and Patristic writings. The study reveals an anti-messianic tradition involving a variety of eschatological antagonists in conflict with diverse messianic actors that stretches across both Jewish and Christian corpora and revolves around a set of similar motifs, ideas, and core Biblical texts.

Kim, Seon Yong

## Curse Motifs in Galatians

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Paul's complex argumentation for dissuading the Galatians from the demand of circumcision is to be understood in light of ancient (both Jewish and »pagan«) rhetorical strategies that were commonly employed in agonistic discourse. Seon Yong Kim shows how Paul inevitably yet ingeniously adopted the curse themes, including a thoroughly negative picture of the Jewish law (»curse of the law«) in order to agitate the mind and emotions of the Galatians and thereby dissuade them from the demand of circumcision. Because playing on the audience's fear was considered one of the most powerful tools for persuasion in ancient rhetoric, his contention was tailored and contextualized to become a shot aimed at agitating the pathos of his audience. Harnessing their fear of curses and their (former) religious formalism, Paul's intention was to win the minds of his audience from the grip of his opponents, who enjoyed a far better argumentative position.

Martin, Neil

## Regression in Galatians

### Paul and the Gentile Response to Jewish Law

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In the first scholarly treatment of the topic, Neil Martin argues that the regression language in Galatians holds the key to understanding Paul's perception of the underlying crisis. Repeated references to going backwards describe the reanimation of expectations intimately associated with the basic religious practices (*stoicheia*) of his readers' pagan past. As the Galatians embraced the superficially-similar observances of Jewish Christianity, familiar practices were triggering the resumption of familiar modes of thought. With striking consequences for historic and contemporary debates about faith and works, the author finds a pagan misappropriation of Judaism, not Judaism itself, in the crosshairs of Paul's supposed anti-law polemic, uniting his warnings and commands in an integrated response to a pastoral emergency caused by the failure of the strong to accommodate the weakness of the weak.

Drimbe, Amiel

## The Church of Antioch and the Eucharistic Traditions (ca. 35–130 CE)

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Seglenieks, Chris

## Johannine Belief and Graeco-Roman Devotion

### Reshaping Devotion for John's Graeco-Roman Audience

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Believing is a central concept in the Gospel of John, and Chris Seglenieks analyzes how and why believing takes the shape it does. The Gospel presents an ideal response of believing in Jesus that resonates with Graeco-Roman patterns of devotion to the gods, but importantly reshapes the form of such devotion in order that it might be directed appropriately towards Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God. The Johannine pattern of belief includes a cognitive, relational, ethical, ongoing, and public aspect. Contrary to Graeco-Roman religious contexts, ritual is minimised. The identity of Jesus, and particularly his incarnation and his indwelling in believers, motivates the Gospel's presentation of how one is to believe in order to receive life.

Costley, Angela

## Creation and Christ

### An Exploration of the Topic of Creation in the Epistle to the Hebrews

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The Epistle to the Hebrews is usually associated with its theology of Christ the High Priest. However, the term »high priest« is not so common in the first four chapters of Hebrews, occurring only four times with a further reference to sacrifice in 1:3. Rather than emphasising the priestly or sacrificial activity of Christ, these opening sections contain a number of references to creation: 1:2–3, 10–12, 2:5–9, 10; 3:1–6; 4:3–4 and 4:9–10. In this volume, Angela Costley uses discourse analysis to explore the importance of the topic of creation to the discourse of the Epistle to the Hebrews, uncovering a close link between creation and salvation. She highlights the interaction of the topic of creation with the topic of salvation in the discourse to uncover a depiction of Christ as the creator who descends to take on human flesh, God who becomes human, in order to lead humanity heavenward.

Kidson, Lyn M.

## Persuading Shipwrecked Men

### The Rhetorical Strategies of 1 Timothy 1

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The plain-spoken rhetorical style of 1 Timothy belies a tension that simmers beneath the surface of the letter. This tension had already erupted in the removal of Hymenaeus and Alexander. Those who are addressed in the letter are warned that they may be heading toward the same catastrophic failure, shipwrecking their faith. This, according to Lyn M. Kidson, is the primary purpose of 1 Timothy. With particular focus on 1 Timothy 1, the author moves away from seeing the letter as a church manual; instead, she argues that its purpose is to command »certain men (and women)« not to teach the other educational program promoted by Hymenaeus and Alexander. This fresh approach to the interpretation of 1 Timothy 1 identifies the use of an ethical digression, which holds the seemingly divergent materials of the letter together.

Moore, Eric C.

## Claiming Places

### Reading Acts through the Lens of Ancient Colonization

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How is Acts of the Apostles – its form and features – to be understood in light of the work's ancient Mediterranean cultural context? In the present study, Eric C. Moore offers a fresh response to this much-debated question, arguing for the utility of ancient colonization as an analytic lens for reading Acts, a story about the origins and replication of early Christianity. He explores how in narrating his account, Luke draws on a common stock of »foundation« motifs employed by ancient sources, textual and material alike, to glorify community beginnings.

Steetskamp, Jisk

## Autorschaft und Sklavenperspektive im Ersten Petrusbrief

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At a glance, the First Epistle of Peter reads like a guide to subservience. Alluding to the Exodus narrative, however, Jisk Steetskamp's study goes beneath the surface to uncover a hidden message of resistance. He argues that by putting readers in the slaves' position, this paraenesis – most likely written by an educated Jewish slave – actually serves as a blueprint for a new and more just way of life.

Bühner, Ruben A.

## Hohe Messianologie

### Übermenschliche Aspekte eschatologischer Heilsgestalten im Frühjudentum

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Messianic expectations in Second Temple Judaism included not only human, but also very different kinds of superhuman aspects. Ruben A. Bühner discusses all relevant early Jewish sources and offers the basis for new approaches for conceptualizing the origin and development of early Christology.

This study was awarded the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise 2021.

Hewitt, J. Thomas

## Messiah and Scripture

### Paul's »In Christ« Idiom in Its Ancient Jewish Context

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J. Thomas Hewitt examines Paul's development and uses of the expression »in Christ,« or »in messiah,« with reference to conventions of ancient Jewish messiah discourse. While messiah speculation in antiquity does not evince a widespread, coherent messianic ideology, ancient Jewish messiah texts do share a common trait – the creative reappropriation of scripture for portraying messiahs. Ancient Jewish messiah discourse is thus both traditional, being shaped by the idioms and imagery of scripture, and innovative, as those materials are recast in novel depictions and expressions. As a participant in this interpretative enterprise, Paul found resources in scriptural traditions concerning Abraham's seed and Daniel's heavenly man for generating his own distinctive conceptions of messiahship, conceptions he often articulated with his hallmark expression »in Christ.«

Pérez i Díaz, Mar

## Mark, a Pauline Theologian

### A Re-reading of the Traditions of Jesus in the Light of Paul's Theology

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The significance of the Evangelist Mark lies in the fact that he was able to write an autobiographical account of Jesus of Nazareth. It seems to have been the first account of this type; it is certainly the oldest text that has survived along with the letters of Paul. In this study, Mar Pérez i Díaz argues that Mark, rather than being a disciple of Peter who puts in writing what he remembers from his preaching, is a theological disciple of Paul. By analysing the Pauline and Marcan texts and the theological elements which converge, she shows that Paul's theology enhances our understanding of the narrative in Mark because it completes the meaning of the gospel and complements its intentionality. The wide range of evidence in the gospel cannot be the fruit of chance, but rather of the will of the Evangelist to unify his work with the thought of the Apostle Paul.

Ferguson, Samuel D.

## The Spirit and Relational Anthropology in Paul



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Paul's anthropological assumptions influence the rest of his thought, and in this study, Samuel D. Ferguson follows a growing interest in the corporate, non-autonomous nature of his doctrine of humanity. In a further departure from strictly individualistic interpretations, the author explores the bounded and relational aspects of Paul's anthropology. An array of »relations« ranging from those with the Creator, world, cosmic forces, other persons, and Christ, are shown as impacting human agency, identity, and volition, evidencing what this study terms »Relational Anthropology.« The work of the Spirit further demonstrates this phenomenon, as texts from Romans 8 and First Corinthians 12 witness to Spirit-wrought relationships that actualize the new life of a believer, including the Spirit-generated relation of sonship and Spirit-sustained relations of interdependence experienced through shared charismata.

## Testing and Temptation in Second Temple Jewish and Early Christian Texts

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From the Wisdom of Ben Sira to the writings of Paul, many Second Temple Jewish and early Christian texts recognize the inescapable role of testing and temptation in human experience. Though God is often presented as one who tests, testing is also attributed to Satan, Mastema, the people of God, and individual humans. How did ancient interpreters react to texts that depict the God of Israel as testing, tested, or intervening on behalf of those undergoing a test? What assumptions do authors have about the role of testing in human experience? How does the vocabulary used for testing and temptation influence the meaning of the text? The essays in the present volume constitute an opening foray into addressing these questions, and this volume aims to catalyze further research into additional dimensions of testing and overlooked motifs in the relevant literature.

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Furlong, Dean

## The John also called Mark

Reception and Transformation in Christian Tradition

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In this study, Dean Furlong explores the reception in Christian tradition of »the John also called Mark« spoken of in the book of Acts and (probably) in the Pauline corpus. He examines the portrayals of John/Mark as both a Markan figure (i.e., as a figure identified with Mark the Evangelist and/or with the Mark who was associated with the founding of the church of Alexandria) and as a Johannine figure (i.e., as a figure identified with the Beloved Disciple and/or with John the Evangelist). The author argues that the three Markan figures were originally differentiated and only came to be identified during the third and fourth centuries; furthermore, after drawing attention to »Johannine« depictions of John/Mark in some sources and to the attribution to him of a Gospel containing a Logos theology, he posits that some early Christian writers identified John/Mark with John the Evangelist.

Moscicke, Hans M.

## The New Day of Atonement

A Matthean Typology

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In this work, Hans M. Moscicke investigates the influence of the Day of Atonement on Matthew's passion narrative. The author argues that the First Evangelist crafts a sustained Yom Kippur typology in the twenty-seventh chapter of his Gospel and then remodels the Barabbas episode (Matt 27:15–26) as a Yom Kippur lottery between two »goats«. Pilate acts as high priest, designating Jesus as the immolated goat and Barabbas, along with the crowd, as a sin-bearing scapegoat. Matthew also casts Jesus as a scapegoat in the Roman-abuse scene (Matt 27:27–31), in which he depicts Jesus as physically receiving the sins of the world upon himself. Finally, the author suggests that Matthew, in his death-resurrection narrative (Matt 27:50–54), conceives Jesus as offering his life-force to God as the sacrificial goat for YHWH and descending to the realm of the dead as the goat for Azazel.



Falcetta, Alessandro

## Early Christian Teachers

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The teachers of early Christianity were one of its most intriguing groups and appear to have been the equivalent of the Jewish rabbis or pagan philosophers. By examining all the earliest sources mentioning the 'didaskaloi', Alessandro Falcetta sheds light on the first hundred years of their history, tackling questions such as why their fate was so different from that of the rabbis, and whether they were tradents of the Jesus material and therefore guarantors of the Gospels' historic reliability. By relating teachers to apostles, prophets and bishops, the author enriches our knowledge of the structure of early Christian communities and how they developed into hierarchical churches.

Lee, Max J.

## Moral Transformation in Greco-Roman Philosophy of Mind

### Mapping the Moral Milieu of the Apostle Paul and his Diaspora Jewish Contemporaries

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Max J. Lee provides a synoptic picture of the moral traditions – especially those of Platonism and Stoicism – which shaped the intellectual and cultural environment of Greco-Roman antiquity. He describes each philosophical school's respective teachings on diverse moral *topoi* such as emotional control, ethical action and habit, character formation, training, mentorship, and deity. He then organizes each school's tenets into systemic models of moral transformation. For Platonism, the author analyzes the works of Plato, Plutarch, Alcinous and Galen; and for Stoicism, Zeno, Chrysippus, Musonius Rufus, Seneca, and Epictetus, among others. He also constructs a taxonomy of six interaction types to gauge how rival religio-philosophical sects, including Diaspora Judaism and Pauline Christianity, appropriated moral traditions from their Greco-Roman environment to articulate their own system of ethics.

Nathan, Emmanuel

## Re-remembering the New Covenant at Corinth

### A Different Perspective on 2 Corinthians 3

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Emmanuel Nathan's study is driven by the hermeneutical question of whether the covenantal contrasts in 2 Cor 3, in which Paul's use of 'new covenant' in 2 Cor 3:6 is set in stark polemical antithesis to an 'old covenant' (2 Cor 3:14), lie at the origin of the later Christian self-understanding as members of a new covenant that replaced the old. In other words, *can* Paul be said to be the founder of formative 'Christianity', even if one nuances the term 'Christianity' as a sect within the Judaisms of Paul's time? Using social memory theory, the author reframes the larger question of Paul's continuity or discontinuity with Judaism and seeks instead to examine the ways in which Paul refracted, redeployed, and reconfigured existing traditions in service of local needs, among them the formation and transformation of character among his community at Corinth.

Günther, Eva

## Wisdom as a Model for Jesus' Ministry

### A Study on the »Lament over Jerusalem« in Matt 23: 37–39 Par. Luke 13:34–35

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Eva Günther traces the influence of the Jewish wisdom tradition on shaping the earliest Christology. While it is well known that Wisdom's role of a *Schöpfungsmittler* was transferred to Jesus in early Christian sources such as 1 Cor 8:6 and John 1:1–3, there is another important function of Wisdom, which can be related to the ministry of the earthly Jesus. The author demonstrates that Wisdom had come to be seen as an agent in history in some prominent Second Temple texts, allowing for her function of saving and guiding the people of Israel to be transferred to Jesus in the »Lament over Jerusalem« (Matt. 23:37–39 par.). However, rather than being presented as an incarnation of pre-existent Wisdom, Jesus is portrayed in the saying as a representation of God *like* the divine Wisdom, who in turn had taken on features of an »older« divine representative, the Angel of the Lord, in Second Temple texts. In the »Lament over Jerusalem« Jesus is presented as the contemporary form of this mediator.

Körner, Johanna

## Sexualität und Geschlecht bei Paulus

Die Spannung zwischen »Inklusivität« und »Exklusivität« des paulinischen Ethos am Beispiel der Sexual- und Geschlechterrollenethik

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Some label Paul as anti-feminist and misogynistic, others see him as the pioneer of modern emancipation efforts. Johanna Körner's nuanced consideration of the evidence places the apostle between the two poles and shows just how much his sex and gender ethics were influenced by his Jewish heritage.

## Healing and Exorcism in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity

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This volume, originating from a conference on »Healing and Exorcism in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity« hosted by Örebro School of Theology (Sweden) in 2018, deals with the ideological and theological meaning of healing and exorcism in a historical, literary, and socio-cultural perspective. While the first part of the book focuses on Jewish and early Christian texts and themes, the second centres on the transmission, reception and interpretation of the biblical texts in early Christian writings and artefacts.

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## Son, Sacrifice, and Great Shepherd

Studies on the Epistle to the Hebrews

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Over the last few decades scholarly interest in the Epistle to the Hebrews has experienced something of a renaissance. This volume, which grew out of presentations at the 2011–2013 sessions of the revived Hebrews program unit of the Society of Biblical Literature's International Meeting, is a testament to the still growing interest in this text. The essays deal with a variety of issues in three major portions of Hebrews – chapters 1–2, 8–10, and 13. Each study analyzes an important and often disputed aspect of one of these three sections of Hebrews, aiming to provide fresh insight into how the argument of Hebrews and/or its engagement with its larger religious, social, literary, rhetorical, philosophical, and ethical contexts might be understood.

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Walsh, Matthew L.

## Angels Associated with Israel in the Dead Sea Scrolls

### Angelology and Sectarian Identity at Qumran

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A well-known characteristic of the sectarian Dead Sea Scrolls are their assertions that membership in the Qumran movement included present and eschatological fellowship with the angels, but scholars disagree as to the precise meaning of these claims. To gain a better understanding of angelic fellowship at Qumran, Matthew L. Walsh utilizes the early Jewish concept that certain angels were closely associated with Israel. Moreover, these angels, which included guardians and priests, were envisioned within apocalyptic worldviews that assumed that realities on earth corresponded to those of the heavenly realm. A comparison of non-sectarian texts with sectarian compositions reveals that the Qumran movement's lofty assertions of communion with the guardians and priests of heavenly Israel would have made a significant contribution to their identity as the true Israel.

Vistar, Jr., Deolito V.

## The Cross-and-Resurrection

### The Supreme Sign in John's Gospel

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Focusing on the present text of the Fourth Gospel, Deolito V. Vistar, Jr. argues that the »signs« are not only the eight major miracles recounted in the Gospel, but also include non-miraculous deeds of Jesus (the temple »cleansing,« the washing of the disciples' feet, and so forth) that equally reveal his true identity and role as the incarnate Word of God, the supreme revealer of the Father, the Savior of the world, and so forth. Based on this broad meaning and reference, the author further argues that the complex of the cross-and-resurrection is the supreme »sign.« The earlier »signs« adumbrate and lead up to the »sign« *par excellence*, where Christ supremely reveals who he is and accomplishes the salvation of the world. The author builds up his case by mustering fresh arguments from the text, yielding insights and conclusions that contribute to the continuing broader interpretation of the Fourth Gospel.

Ryan, Scott C.

## Divine Conflict and the Divine Warrior

### Listening to Romans and Other Jewish Voices

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In this study, Scott C. Ryan situates Paul's letter to the Romans as one voice among a number of Jewish voices that frame God as a divine warrior. He first investigates motifs related to divine conflict in Exodus 14–15, Amos, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel 7–12, along with 1 Enoch, Psalms of Solomon, Wisdom of Solomon, the War Scroll, and 4 Ezra. The author then places Romans in dialogue with the works of Paul's predecessors and near contemporaries. When Romans and these Jewish texts are placed alongside one another, Paul emerges as a writer who participates in Jewish divine conflict traditions. The apostle maintains Israel's eschatological hope in a warring deity even as he modifies that image in light of God's action in the Christ-event.

Hunt, Laura J.

## Jesus Caesar

### A Roman Reading of the Johannine Trial Narrative

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In this work, Laura J. Hunt looks at Latin use in Ephesus, Antioch, and Alexandria. The evidence of intersections between Roman and Greek languages in those cities suggests that the Roman cultural encyclopaedia could shed light on the Gospel of John, particularly the trial narrative. Words that intersect with important Roman concepts include *πραΐτώριον*, *βασιλεύς*, *υἱὸς θεοῦ* and *ἐξουσία*. The phrase *Ἰδοὺ ὁ ἄνθρωπος* in John 19:5 approximates *hic vir, hic est* from Vergil's *Aeneid* (6.791), marking it as a literary allusion. A semiotic analysis of John 18:28–19:22 reveals a Jesus depicted with the words and images of a Caesar. The Roman Pilate tests the loyalty of both Jesus and 'the Jews' to Caesar, emerging as weak only in relation to Caesar. Although other scholars have looked at empire in the Gospel of John, this study offers a sustained Roman reading of the Johannine trial narrative.

Jost, Michael R.

## Engelgemeinschaft im irdischen Gottesdienst

Studien zu Texten aus Qumran und dem Neuen Testament

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The motif of liturgical communion with angels appears in early Jewish and New Testament texts. Michael R. Jost offers the first exegetical analysis of all relevant passages from the Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament and places them within traditional historical developments from the Hebrew Bible to rabbinical and patristic texts. By giving special consideration to the respective performances of liturgical texts, the author reconstructs each group's experience of angelic communion. In his analysis of the liturgical communion of the *yahad*, Jost presents new insights not only for Qumran research but also for New Testament scholarship and the understanding of the early Christian communities and communal liturgies.

Stettner, Johannes

## Veränderte Endzeitvorstellungen

Die Rezeption der Offenbarung des Johannes beim ersten christlich-lateinischen Dichter Commodian

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As the first Latin-language Christian poet, Commodian decoded the powerful eloquence of Revelation's visual imagery. Johannes Stettner's study of the poet's reception does not just provide information about his historical and theological location, but also lets today's reader understand Revelation from a fresh angle.

Edwards, J. Christopher

## The Gospel According to the Epistle of Barnabas

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While the reasons for the initial parting of the ways between Barnabas' community and lived Judaism are irrecoverable, J. Christopher Edwards shows that Jesus became foundational for maintaining separation between »them« and »us.« The author undertakes a thorough study of the epistle's Jesus traditions and demonstrates that Jesus is the rhetorical key to almost every argument in this early piece of *Adversus Judaeos* literature, whether it concerns the law, the covenant, the land, Yom Kippur, circumcision, baptism, the Sabbath, or the temple. No previous work has made the Jesus traditions in Barnabas the focus of its attention.

Käfer, Eduard

## Die Rezeption der Sinaitradition im Evangelium nach Johannes

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Eduard Käfer shows that in the Gospel of John the revelation of God at Sinai is highly valued, but interpreted through a »figural reading« (R. Hays) as a testimony of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It helps to describe his identity, to elucidate his extraordinary claim and to point out the misunderstandings of his interlocutors.

Lange, Benjamin

## Der Richter und seine Ankläger

### Eine narratologische Untersuchung der Rechtsstreit- und Prozessmotivik im Johannesevangelium

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The Gospel according to John is replete with legal terminology and motifs detailing the run-up to Jesus' crucifixion – yet a formal process in front of the Jewish Sanhedrin is not part of the narrative. Benjamin Lange shows that reading the first half of the book as a metaphorical trial reveals a new perspective on the Gospel and its message. At the centre stands the paradox of Jesus as accused judge.

Whitaker, Max

## Is Jesus Athene or Odysseus?

### Investigating the Unrecognisability and Metamorphosis of Jesus in his Post-Resurrection Appearances

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In this study, Max Whitaker investigates the intriguing accounts of Jesus' resurrection appearances through the lens of Greco-Roman narratives. In both canonical and apocryphal accounts of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances, Jesus appears in an unrecognisable form to other characters, including people who knew him well just before his death. The motif of a character appearing in an unrecognisable form to people he or she knows well is one which exists in folk literature, and in Greco-Roman and Jewish literature from a range of genres. The author investigates a range of stories in which characters appear in an unrecognisable or metamorphic form, and summarises patterns and themes. This throws new light on how Jesus' post-resurrection stories would have been understood by their original audiences.

Andrejevs, Olegs

## Apocalypticism in the Synoptic Sayings Source

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Recently reconstructed by scholars, Q is one of the New Testament's earliest source documents. Arguing that Q's participation in the apocalyptic worldview of late Second Temple Judaism has greater consequences for its compositional history than previously recognized, Olegs Andrejevs performs a new literary-critical, narrative, and philological analysis of a number of Q passages, supplementing it with recent advances made in the study of Jewish apocalyptic literature, particularly the Enochic book of Parables and Qumran wisdom documents 4QInstruction and 1Q/4QMysteries. The end result is an updated stratigraphic model which synthesizes the insights of several scholars, most notably John S. Kloppenborg and Dale C. Allison, Jr., and highlights the feasibility of Q's diachronic study.

Dannenmann, Tanja

## Emotion, Narration und Ethik

### Zur ethischen Relevanz antizipatorischer Emotionen in Parabeln des Matthäus-Evangeliums. Kontexte und Normen neutestamentlicher Ethik / Contexts and Norms of New Testament Ethics. Band XI

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Although the so-called *emotional turn* is becoming increasingly popular, in the exegesis of the New Testament, it is however still a desideratum. Tanja Dannenmann has developed an innovative method of analyzing the emotional dimensions of narratives as well as the relevance of emotions for their ethical demands.

Junker, Lothar

## Das Scheidungslogion Q 16,18 und frühjüdische Reinheitsvorstellungen

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Lothar Junker's study interprets the divorce logion Q 16,18 of the Sayings Source in the context of early Jewish concepts of purification and its rituals, and proves that the movement behind Q still observed these pronouncements on purity.

## The Vocabulary of the Septuagint and its Hellenistic Background

Ed. by Eberhard Bons, Patrick Pouchelle, and Daniela Scialabba

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This volume precedes the projected *Historical and Theological Dictionary of the Septuagint* which is to offer historical studies of Septuagint words, retracing their usage from early authors, over *koine* Greek and the translation itself, into Jewish-Hellenistic and early Christian literature. The earliest of these phases were the object of a several workshops held between 2013 and 2017, the proceedings of which now appear in this book. The papers focus on the following key questions: what can we say about the meaning, the usage and the semantic development of Greek words attested in the Septuagint; where and how does the Septuagint use these words, and to what extent do they correspond to their Hebrew and Aramaic equivalents? Furthermore, to what extent can papyri contribute to a better understanding of typical Septuagint words? The papers combine the analysis of selected words and word groups with considerations of method.

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Atkins, J. D.

## The Doubt of the Apostles and the Resurrection Faith of the Early Church

The Post-Resurrection Appearance Stories of the Gospels in Ancient Reception and Modern Debate

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In this work, J. D. Atkins employs a combination of reception-history analysis and redaction criticism to challenge modern theories that Luke 24 and John 20 are apologetic responses to incipient docetism. He subjects second-century parallels used to support these theories to the same redaction-critical scrutiny as the Gospels and finds that the editorial and apologetic concerns of the evangelists differ fundamentally from those of antidocetic writers: neither Luke nor John aims to prove the physicality of the resurrection. Both instead draw attention to the fulfilment of prophecy. The author also argues that the apostles' doubt was not an apologetic device and that the bodily demonstrations of touching and eating predate docetism. Early docetists appeal to the Gospels as apostolic testimony but insist on a non-literal hermeneutic in which Christ performs physical actions »in appearance only.«

Akagi, Kai

## Proclaiming the Judge of the Living and the Dead

The Christological Significance of Judgement in Acts 10 and 17

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Kai Akagi considers the christological significance of Jesus' role in judgement in the speeches in Acts 10:34–43 and 17:22–31. Reading these speeches as part of the narrative of Luke-Acts with attention to scriptural use and influence, along with extended analysis of judgment figures in Jewish pseudepigraphal and Qumran literature, reveals that the scope of Jesus' judgment and the use of scriptural patterns in the speeches suggest his divine authority by associating him with God's final judgment at the resurrection. At the same time, his judgment identifies him as the appointed human messiah whom the speeches proclaim. While further tracing the contours and characteristics of messianism and mediatorial figures in Judaism contemporary with the beginnings of Christianity and the New Testament texts, this volume integrates study of the speeches in Acts, Lukan theology, early christology, and scriptural use and influence, whether direct and through the shaping of collective cultural knowledge.

Tripp, Jeffrey M.

## Direct Internal Quotation in the Gospel of John

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Characters in the Gospel of John quote and re-quote each other frequently, almost excessively, yet their quotations are rarely literal. These characters (including Jesus and the narrator) make changes – some minor, some major – even when they re-quote important sayings of Jesus. Jeffrey M. Tripp examines this often overlooked feature of the Fourth Gospel in the contexts of first century pedagogy and literature, as well as early Christian tradition and practices. Attending to John's direct internal quotations reveals a text at play with its christological and eschatological language, teasing out the fullest extent of its meaning. The Gospel of John emerges as a theological narrative anchored in yet unbound by the ideas of the wider early Christian movement.

## »Retribution« in Jewish and Christian Writings

### A Concept in Debate

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The authors of this volume attempt to define the concept of retribution by looking beyond its diversity in Jewish and Christian writings, and seeking the common objects and components that govern it in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity, as well as Greek, Islamic and Buddhist texts. They argue that the concept should not be seen as a set of ideas acquired and accepted, but rather as an on-going process. The epistemological current of the *Begriffsgeschichte* understands conceptualization as a continual process of contesting and questioning, rather than something fixed or final. Each study therefore explicitly examines the actors involved, their environments and receptions, and whether they were accepted, rejected, or modified as components of compensation. The associations made with concepts of wealth, poverty, power, their exchange, transfer, and instance are also taken into consideration.

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Kelley, Andrew J.

## Thaumaturgic Prowess

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Andrew J. Kelley argues that Mark undergirds his high view of Jesus by characterizing him as a miracle-worker who does not defer to a deity in order to perform miracles. Survey work in the first half of this monograph shows that this is distinct from the many miracle-workers depicted in sources contemporary to the Gospel of Mark. Further emphasizing this distinction is the fact that all other miracle-workers in Mark either defer to the Jewish God or to Jesus to perform miracles. The author shows that these two characteristics of Mark's depiction of miracle working in contrast to other depictions of miracle working in the time period make it likely that Mark is using Jesus' autonomous miracle working to undergird his high, perhaps divine, view of Jesus.



Oefele, Christine

## Evangelienexegese als Partiturlernen

### Eine Interpretation von Mk 1,1–8,22a zwischen Komposition und Performanz

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Based on musicological concepts, Christine Oefele develops a hermeneutic-methodical approach to the acoustical shape of written texts which she applies to the composition of Mark's Gospel. Her exegesis reveals how the Evangelist deals with the issues of Christology and discipleship within the oral/aural structures.

## Frauen im antiken Judentum und frühen Christentum

Hrsg. v. Jörg Frey u. Nicole Rupschus

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In a wide historical framework, the present volume discusses the legal and social roles and positions of women in ancient Judaism, early Christianity, and the surrounding Greco-Roman world. Sources investigated are documentary texts from Egypt and the Judean desert, selected writings from the Dead Sea and texts from the Hellenistic-Jewish, early Christian, and Rabbinic traditions. The essays discuss issues of the liturgical function of women, their legal position with regard to marriage and property, piety and purity issues as well as the problems of daily life, but also narrative images, role models and clichés. The combination of historical source analysis and the approaches of gender studies leads to a more precise perception of the construction of those images and patterns and their effects in the various ancient cultures.

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Rahmsdorf, Olivia L.

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### Theoretische, methodische und exegetische Annäherungen an die Kunst der Stunde. Kontexte und Normen neutestamentlicher Ethik / Contexts and Norms of New Testament Ethics. Band X

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The Gospel of John recounts numerous conflicts between characters. Most of these conflicts are triggered by the character's diverging orientation in time. Even though searching for timeless norms in the Fourth Gospel might be a hopeless endeavor, one can still find several temporal norms worthy of recognition. For this reason, Olivia L. Rahmsdorf first describes the complex theoretical relation between time, ethics and narration, she then examines different literary tools to recognize time in narrative texts and finally analyzes Johannine characters and their conflicts in and with time.

Frederick, John

## The Ethics of the Enactment and Reception of Cruciform Love

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In this book, John Frederick compares the words and the governing ethical pattern of thought in the catalogue of virtue and vice in Colossians 3:5, 8, 12–17 with contemporaneous Greco-Roman and Jewish texts. He critiques the arguments of scholars who have proposed that Paul is operating from a Stoic, Cynic, or Aristotelian ethical pattern of thought. On the basis of these comparisons the author argues that the ethical terms and concepts of Colossians are most directly influenced by the words and concepts found in the texts of the Jewish traditions. Also, several of the ethical terms and concepts in Colossians are absent and/or uncommon in the Greco-Roman sources surveyed but widely attested in the Jewish sources. Colossians presents ethical material in the Jewish Two Ways tradition that is driven by a governing pattern of thought which focuses on Christ-like transformation through the enactment and reception of cruciform love.

Hagen Pifer, Jeanette

## Faith as Participation

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In recent years, three particular debates have risen to the fore of Pauline Studies: the question of the centre of Pauline theology, how to interpret the πίστις Χριστοῦ formula, and the relationship between divine and human agency. In the present study, Jeanette Hagen Pifer contends that several of the apparent conundrums in recent Pauline scholarship turn out to derive from an inadequate understanding of what Paul means by faith. By first exploring the question of what Paul means by faith outside of the classic justification passages in Romans and Galatians, she reveals faith as an active and productive mode of human existence. Yet this existence is not a form of human self-achievement. On the contrary, faith is precisely the denial of self-effort and a dependence upon the prior gracious work of Christ. In this way, faith is self-negating and self-involving participation in the Christ-event.

Scollo, Giuseppe G.

## The Strength Needed to Enter the Kingdom of God

### An Exegetical and Theological Study of Luke 16,16 in Context

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By means of an in-depth study of Luke 16:16 and its context, Giuseppe G. Scollo intends to draw its readers into new scholarly appreciation of one of the most ambiguous and discussed NT sayings, an authentic crux interpretum in modern scholarship, that of the so-called »violence passage,« as recorded in the Gospel of Luke: »The law and the prophets lasted until John; but from then on the kingdom of God is proclaimed, and everyone who enters does so with violence« (NAB 2011). While issues that still demand an explanation by modern-day exegetes are addressed (see the meaning of »violence« contained in the verb *biazomai*, the identity of the alleged »violent« agents, and the nature of their action with regard to the *basileia* of God), evidence warrants a new look at the teachings surrounding the Lucan verse and its narrative setting in the light of the love commandment and its Targumic interpretation.

## Dualismus, Dämonologie und diabolische Figuren

### Religionshistorische Beobachtungen und theologische Reflexionen

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Dualistic worldviews and demonic or devilish figures make frequent and varied appearances in both early Jewish and early Christian texts. By setting out the background and charting the development of these notions in Second Temple Judaism, this volume explains New Testament traditions within early Jewish contexts, focusing on issues of the origins of evil and its eschatological removal, the role of eschatological opponents and the function of demons. Textually, the Dead Sea Scrolls and other Second Temple texts are highlighted alongside the Jesus tradition. Four concluding contributions reflect the place of demonological ideas in present theological thought and problems of handling them in church practice.

## Studien zum Gottesbild im Johannesevangelium

Hrsg. v. Veronika Burz-Tropper



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The whole of the New Testament is occupied with God and the discussion of him. New Testament scholarship, however, barely treats God the Father as a separate subject. Because His significance is not to be neglected, the contributors to this volume turn their attention to illuminating God the Father from various angles.

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## »Make Disciples of All Nations«

### The Appeal and Authority of Christian Faith in Hellenistic-Roman Times

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The »Great Commission,« which Jesus gave to his disciples according to Matthew 28:19-20, is seen in Christianity as the origin of the mission and the practice of baptism in the church. This text has undergone a great deal of intensive exegesis. In the last 300 years in particular, it was the basis for the missionary work done by many Western churches in all parts of the world, and apart from its significance for the motivation and validation of religious mission, this text was also used as a means of strengthening colonial ideas and interests in developing countries. This volume deals with aspects of the early Christian mission. The articles, which were presented originally at a symposium which took place from 30 September to 1 October 2014, cover problem areas in New Testament exegesis (Gospels, Acts, Paul and Deutero-Pauline letters) as well as in church history (referring to traditions of mission in Africa and Asia), and together they provide an introduction into possible interpretations and perspectives that emerge when reading selected literature attentively.

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Farnes, Alan Taylor

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Over 5,000 copies of the New Testament exist today and not one matches the other exactly. Determining how a copyist made changes to a manuscript – or, a scribe's habits – is an essential step in recovering the original text of the New Testament and for appreciating how it has changed over time. For the vast majority of manuscripts, there is no way to know which manuscript copied from which manuscript or, which manuscript is the child manuscript and which is the parent manuscript. Alan Taylor Farnes, however, has discovered twenty-two child manuscripts whose parent version is still known today. His letter-by-letter examination of four of these manuscripts sheds invaluable light on how scribes went about their work and provides a methodology for future studies. Now we can virtually look over the scribe's shoulder and watch the work as it unfolds.

Murray, Timothy J.

## Restricted Generosity in the New Testament

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The importance of material generosity in early Christianity has been firmly established in New Testament research. Given this consensus, Timothy J. Murray examines the New Testament texts for evidence of when, how and why the early Christians *restricted* their generosity. Having also examined the restricted generosity of comparable social structures (Jewish groups, Greco-Roman associations and the Hellenistic *oikos*), the author argues that the self-conception of the early Christians as members of a fictive-family was the most significant influence on their practices of material generosity and its restrictions, in which they drew heavily from existing cultural ideals regarding family reciprocity and support. Additionally, the author argues (against the majority view) that evidence for organised poor-care in Jewish groups is meagre and non-existent with regard to Greco-Roman associations.

## Deacons and Diakonia in Early Christianity

### The First Two Centuries

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In German-speaking countries, the role of the diaconate has been strongly influenced by nineteenth-century ideas of diakonia as service towards the poor. As important as the social initiatives stemming from this perspective have been, in order to correctly understand deacons and diakonia in the early church, we must go back to the sources. For this volume, focused on the first two centuries of Christianity, scholars from a range of backgrounds consider the use of *diakonos* and related words in the New Testament and extra-biblical sources, both Christian and otherwise. These texts reveal what deacons actually did, helping us to understand the past and giving guidance for the present, particularly in ecumenical discussions concerning the ministry.

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Riley, Paul C.J.

## The Lord of the Gospel of John

### Narrative Theory, Textual Criticism, and the Semantics of Kyrios

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In the Gospel of John, one aspect of Jesus' divinity is his lordship. Paul C.J. Riley examines Jesus' lordship through the use of one Christological title, *kyrios*, a word which can be translated as Lord, master, owner or sir. Because *kyrios* is often used by characters in the narrative, Riley considers it from a narrative perspective. As a result, the first question he examines is how *kyrios* functions. In addition, due to textual variation for some occurrences of *kyrios*, the next question addressed is where *kyrios* is. From a firm narrative and textual foundation, the final question the author asks is what *kyrios* means. The answers to these three questions provide a comprehensive understanding of Jesus' divine lordship in the Gospel of John.

Vanhoye, Albert

## A Perfect Priest

Studies in the Letter to the Hebrews

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Albert Vanhoye is one of the most prominent French biblical scholars of the period following the Second Vatican Council, with an academic career spanning eight decades and publications in numerous European languages. Amidst diverse interests, the Letter to the Hebrews has remained the central focus of his scholarship throughout his career. This volume collects sixteen of his most significant essays on Hebrews, covering a variety of topics and approaches, with an emphasis on the key themes of priesthood and sacrifice. The essays are presented for the first time in English translation, with an introduction by the editors summarizing Vanhoye's contribution and analysing the central features of his work.

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Christopher, Dany

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Within Lukan scholarship, studies on the theme of Passover have mostly been confined to the pericope of the Last Supper (Luke 22:1–20). Few have ventured outside it and explored the presence, let alone the significance, of the theme in other passages throughout Luke-Acts. Thus, the aim of this study by Dany Christopher is to show where, how, and why Luke appropriates the theme of Passover in his writings. The author proposes that besides the passion narrative, allusions to Passover can be found in three other sets of passages: the infancy narrative, the Parousia discourses in Luke 12 and Luke 17, and the rescue stories of Peter (Acts 12) and Paul (Acts 27). He shows that the theme of Passover plays a major role in how Luke structures his narratives and conveys the message of God's salvation.

Davis, Jr., Phillip A.

## The Place of Paideia in Hebrews' Moral Thought

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In Hebrews 12:1–17 the author seeks to encourage the readers by interpreting their sufferings as paideia from God. Scholars have typically interpreted this paideia either as corrective reproof or formative training, but by examining the passage in light of Hebrews' ethics, the ancient practice of corporal punishment, and the author's quotation of Proverbs 3:11–12, Phillip A. Davis, Jr. shows this dichotomy to be untenable. The main problem Hebrews addresses is the danger of sinning, not apostasy *per se*. Yet because Hebrews rejects second repentance, paideia cannot be corrective. At the same time, ancient education had as its goal moral formation, which always involved the pain of physical punishments. The author draws on this commonplace to suggest that the pain of the audience's sufferings should be taken as a concomitant part of their formation in the righteousness the «epistle» demands of them.

Karaman, Elif Hilal

## Ephesian Women in Greco-Roman and Early Christian Perspective



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In this volume, Elif Hilal Karaman examines the lives of Ephesian women in their historical and social contexts, considering in particular their roles as mothers, wives, teachers, and individuals in the private and public spheres. She presents Greco-Roman and early Christian sources relevant to Ephesus and relating to women, including more than 300 Ephesian inscriptions, and analyses them comparatively. By doing this she illuminates the impact of early Christianity upon the roles of women. The evidence presented demonstrates the extent to which early Christian authors utilized Greco-Roman cultural elements to construct a social background for the nascent Christian communities for whom they wrote. Elif Hilal Karaman's work thus advocates for the interpretation of early Christian texts in conversation with local archaeological and literary evidence in order to develop more nuanced understandings of the social and historical contexts of these important works.

Lookadoo, Jonathon

## The High Priest and the Temple

### Metaphorical Depictions of Jesus in the Letters of Ignatius of Antioch

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Jonathon Lookadoo explores Ignatius's pairing of high priestly and temple metaphors in order to understand more clearly how Ignatius viewed Jesus and the church. The metaphors of high priest and temple are closely related in three of Ignatius's letters. This study allows readers to appreciate better how Ignatius portrayed Jesus's identity and work. The author also sheds light on how some of Ignatius's audiences were to demonstrate unity. By exploring each metaphor with a view to its rhetorical function in a particular letter as well as to similar imagery in early Jewish and early Christian literature, Jonathon Lookadoo freshly illuminates Ignatius's letters in a way that is of interest not only to Ignatian scholars, but to all who study early Christian letters, rhetoric, and theology in the first two centuries CE.

Friis, Martin

## Image and Imitation

### Josephus' Antiquities 1–11 and Greco-Roman Historiography

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Flavius Josephus ranks among the most influential and prolific ancient Jewish writers. His account of near-contemporary events in the *Jewish War* and the latter half of the *Jewish Antiquities* have often been subjected to critical scrutiny. Josephus' writings, however, also include an account of the most remote past of the Jewish people in the first eleven books of the *Jewish Antiquities*. Yet, only rarely has this part of his authorship been subjected to a historiographically oriented analysis. Martin Friis offers such an analysis with emphasis on Josephus' various strategies of self-presentation. He provides numerous examples of the comprehensiveness of Josephus' self-presentational style, and shows how Josephus consistently presents himself as a capable and competent historian in a manner that is highly reminiscent of, and easily comparable to, that of some of the greatest ancient Greco-Roman historians.

Buol, Justin

## Martyred for the Church

### Memorializations of the Effective Deaths of Bishop Martyrs in the Second Century CE

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In this study, Justin Buol analyzes the writings connected with the deaths of Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyrna, and Pothinus of Lyons in light of earlier accounts of the noble deaths of military, political, and religious leaders from Greco-Roman literature and the Bible, which record benefits accruing to a group on account of its leader's death. The author argues that the accounts of these three bishops' martyrdoms draw upon those prior models in order to portray the bishops as dying to unite, protect, and strengthen the Church, oppose false teaching and apostasy, and solidify the teaching role of the episcopal office. Finally, by providing a foundation for Irenaeus to argue for apostolic succession, these second-century bishop martyrs also help form a lasting contribution to the growth of episcopal power.

Covington, Eric

## Functional Teleology and the Coherence of Ephesians

### A Comparative and Reception-Historical Approach



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Eric Covington examines the way in which Ephesians coherently holds together cosmological, Christological, ecclesiological, and ethical elements within its vision of the early Christian way of life. He begins by investigating the extent to which the categories of functional teleology featured within ethical reflection in both Greco-Roman and early Jewish traditions. Next, he analyzes the letter's *Auslegungsgeschichte*, focusing on Thomas Aquinas' medieval commentary, to demonstrate how Ephesians has previously been interpreted through the lens of teleology. Finally, he turns to an historical-exegetical examination of Ephesians to demonstrate the way in which the letter uses the categories and concepts of functional teleology. He concludes that Ephesians identifies the appropriate way of life in light of an individual and ecclesial *telos* within God's *ultimus finis* for all of creation.

Gosbell, Louise A.

## »The Poor, the Crippled, the Blind, and the Lame«

### Physical and Sensory Disability in the Gospels of the New Testament

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The New Testament gospels feature numerous social exchanges between Jesus and people with various physical and sensory disabilities. Despite this, traditional biblical scholarship has not seen these people as agents in their own right but existing only to highlight the actions of Jesus as a miracle worker. In this study, Louise A. Gosbell uses disability as a lens through which to explore a number of these passages anew. Using the cultural model of disability as the theoretical basis, she explores the way that the gospel writers, as with other writers of the ancient world, used the language of disability as a means of understanding, organising, and interpreting the experiences of humanity. Her investigation highlights the ways in which the gospel writers reinforce and reflect, as well as subvert, culturally-driven constructions of disability in the ancient world.

Thomas, Matthew J.

## Paul's 'Works of the Law' in the Perspective of Second Century Reception

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Paul writes that we are justified by faith apart from 'works of the law', a disputed term that represents a fault line between 'old' and 'new' perspectives on Paul. Was the Apostle reacting against the Jews' good works done to earn salvation, or the Mosaic Law's practices that identified the Jewish people? Matthew J. Thomas examines how Paul's second century readers understood these points in conflict, how they relate to 'old' and 'new' perspectives, and what their collective witness suggests about the Apostle's own meaning. Surprisingly, these early witnesses align closely with the 'new' perspective, though their reasoning often differs from both viewpoints. They suggest that Paul opposes these works neither due to moralism, nor primarily for experiential or social reasons, but because the promised new law and covenant, which are transformative and universal in scope, have come in Christ.

This work was named »Jesus Creed Book of the Year 2018« on Scot McKnight's Jesus Creed blog.

»Thomas's work on second-century interpreters is a significant contribution to reception or effective-history in general and certainly will have a transformative effect on the character of contemporary interpretation of Paul's texts.«  
Timothy Gombis in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* Vol. 29, No. 4, 2019

Kwon, JongHyun

## The Historical Jesus' Death as 'Forgiveness of Sins'

### A Comparative Study of Paul and Matthew

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JongHyun Kwon's research aims to discover whether the historical Jesus understood his death as a means of forgiveness by comparing Paul and Matthew's treatment of these themes. The strong tie between Jesus' death and forgiveness of sin in nascent Christianity is attenuated in Jesus research. Hence, the author's central question: Is this a true understanding of the historical Jesus, or a post-Easter theology? JongHyun Kwon's investigation is conducted through a comparison of the Pauline epistles and the Gospel of Matthew. The result is then compared against Jewish writings contemporary to Jesus. Through this methodology, JongHyun Kwon finds that Paul and Matthew correspond to one another on the issue of the strong affinity between Jesus' death and forgiveness. He then concludes that the historical Jesus may have understood his death as a means of forgiveness, as they describe.

Stewart Lester, Olivia

## Prophetic Rivalry, Gender, and Economics

### A Study in Revelation and Sibylline Oracles 4–5

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Olivia Stewart Lester examines true and false prophecy at the intersections of interpretation, gender, and economics in Revelation, Sibylline Oracles 4–5, and contemporary ancient Mediterranean texts. With respect to gender, these texts construct a discourse of divine violence against prophets, in which masculine divine domination of both male and female prophets reinforces the authenticity of the prophetic message. Regarding economics, John and the Jewish sibyllists resist the economic actions of political groups around them, especially Rome, by imagining an alternate universe with a new prophetic economy. In this economy, God requires restitution from human beings, whose evil behavior incurs debt. The ongoing appeal of prophecy as a rhetorical strategy in Revelation and Sibylline Oracles 4–5, and the ongoing rivalries in which these texts engage, argue for prophecy's continuing significance in a larger ancient Mediterranean religious context.

Holmes, Christopher T.

## The Function of Sublime Rhetoric in Hebrews

### A Study in Hebrews 12:18–29

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In this study, Christopher T. Holmes provides a focused analysis of the rhetorical and stylistic features of Hebrews 12:18–29, their intended effects upon the audience, and the role of the passage in the larger argument of Hebrews. He draws extensively from the first-century treatise, *De Sublimitate*, arguing that it provides a significant context for interpreting the rhetoric and style of Hebrews. Although New Testament scholars have drawn significantly from the ancient handbooks of Aristotle, Quintilian, and Cicero in the last several decades, this is the first monograph-length study to use *De Sublimitate* as the primary analytical tool for New Testament interpretation. The result of the study shows that the author's efforts to move the readers »beyond persuasion« shed new light on the thought and genre of Hebrews. Christopher T. Holmes offers both exegetical insights about Hebrews and an additional way to think about the distinctiveness of early Christian rhetoric.

Mathew, Bincy

## The Johannine Footwashing as the Sign of Perfect Love

### An Exegetical Study of John 13:1–20

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The account of the footwashing in the Fourth Gospel has no proper parallel in antiquity. Bincy Mathew provides a critical and thorough exegetical analysis of the footwashing (Jn 13:1–20) and shows that an explanation of the footwashing as humble service or Christian humility or a reversal of social roles fails to fully capture the revelatory character of the footwashing. She argues that the footwashing is a symbolic prefiguration of Jesus' death on the cross enacted during the last supper to manifest his perfect love for his own and continue to make its effect through the disciples whom he sends. This loving action is Jesus' gift of life to those who commit themselves to this washing, which is expected to flow out from the participants of the footwashing to others unconditionally because the source of such action is the normative action of the Master and the Lord. In this book, Bincy Mathew addresses the literary, structural, and semantic unity of the footwashing pericope within the intra-textual contours of the Fourth Gospel.

Stolz, Lukas

## Der Höhepunkt des Hebräerbriefs

### Hebräer 12,18–29 und seine Bedeutung für die Struktur und die Theologie des Hebräerbriefs

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The special structural and theological significance of Hebrews 12, 18–19 has often been postulated in research on the Letter to the Hebrews. In this volume though, Lukas Stolz comprehensively questions for the first time whether or to what extent this segment can be both structurally and theologically considered the culmination of Hebrews. After discussing important introductory questions, the author's exegesis investigates numerous aspects of interpreting this theologically extremely dense excerpt in detail and from a variety of tangents. In conclusion the literary, rhetorical, and content references to the climatic character of Hebr. 12, 18–29 are exhaustively revealed. By comparing it with what ancient teachers of rhetoric would demand of a good peroration, the author argues that this section of Hebrews is indeed just that.

Nyström, David E.

## The Apology of Justin Martyr

### Literary Strategies and the Defence of Christianity



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In his *Apologia pro Christianis*, Justin Martyr uses some major apologetic strategies to defend and promote Christianity. These are here identified as the 'logos doctrine', the 'theft theory', the 'proof from prophecy' and the demonological arguments. David E. Nyström analyses each strategy on its own terms as well as in relation to the others in order for them to yield a picture of how they work, rhetorically and literarily, in Justin's grand argument. He also explores possible literary models as well as the purpose and function of the literary form Justin chose for his work.

Prothro, James B.

## Both Judge and Justifier

### Biblical Legal Language and the Act of Justifying in Paul

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Paul often says that God »justifies« people in Christ, but what does that mean God does? The language appears legal, but many other interpretations have been suggested. Beginning from the use of this language in Judaism and early Christianity, James B. Prothro investigates biblical legal conflicts and the terminology of »justification« in Paul's letters to determine what it means for Paul to say that God as judge is the »justifier« of those who trust in Christ.

Harker, Christina

## The Colonizers' Idols

### Paul, Galatia, and Empire in New Testament Studies

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In this work, Christina Harker deconstructs the prevailing treatment of the New Testament as anti-imperial by contextualizing both New Testament scholarship and the Galatian experience within imperialist discourses that survived the dissolution of conventional empires in the twentieth century. She critiques simplistic treatments of empire as post-imperial (that is, replicating patterns of imperialist ideology, albeit unwittingly). To solve the problem, a new interpretation of Galatians is proposed that reworks and complicates the portrait of the Galatians themselves, rather than Paul, within what then emerges as a diverse social world peopled by complex individuals with heterogeneous social and cultural identities. The author is thus able to show how New Testament scholars who rehabilitate the Bible and Paul as anti-empire perpetuate the same imperialist modes of interpretation they seek to repudiate.

Niederhofer, Veronika

## Konversion in den Paulus- und Theklaakten

### Eine narrative Form der Paulusrezeption

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The Acts of Paul and Thecla tell of Thecla's conversion and how she began to proclaim the Christian faith. What early Christian concepts of conversion, discipleship and faith development can be gleaned from this narrative? And what information does the text offer about the successive spread of Christianity in ancient society at the end of the second century? Veronika Niederhofer's analytic narrative exegesis vouches for the Acts of Paul and Thecla's historical and theological importance for early Christian piety and its conceptual world. The author shows that the story can be read as a layered drama paradigmatically describing the theme of conversion as a dynamic and multi-stage process in the changing of worlds, and thus demonstrates a new and subtle form of Paul exegesis through the narrative application of canonical texts, and Pauline ideas in particular.

Rüggemeier, Jan

## Poetik der markinischen Christologie

### Eine kognitiv-narratologische Exegese

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Narrative exegesis is an important paradigm of more recent research on Mark's gospel. One of the main research problems till now though has been bringing historic-critical methods and synchronic approaches together in a unified system of interpretation. The so-called cognitive turn in narratology points beyond a purely text-immanent analysis, allowing multifaceted interactions between recipient and narration to be described. In this study, Jan Rüggeheimer presents an appropriate methodology and systematically traces the cognitive image the reader of Mark's gospel progressively gains of the protagonists and how the individual perspectives of the characters influence his apprehension of the main character. The Marcan Christology thus shows itself to be emergent – Jesus' identity is not revealed before the end of the narration and is based on text-external foreknowledge – particularly the confessional traditions – of the intended recipients. This work was awarded the Armin Schmitt Prize 2017 and the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise 2019.

Rupschus, Nicole

## Frauen in Qumran

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Nicole Rupschus touches upon classical and current issues in Qumran research relating to the community's inhabitants, the intention of its texts, and the source value of the Essenes accounts to discover the role played by women. Her consideration of three important elements – the archaeology, the sectarian texts found in caves near and next to Qumran, and the ancient accounts of the Essenes – are vital in enabling her to draw conclusions about the skeletons of women and children found in burial grounds. Other focal points are the Damascus and Serekh texts as well as the Rule of the Congregation, the connections between them, and their assignments to the community. Together with a final content analysis of the ancient Essene texts, a fresh image of women is revealed that opens up new perspectives in Qumran research.

Howell, Justin R.

## The Pharisees and Figured Speech in Luke-Acts

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A scholarly consensus holds that Luke is ambivalent toward the Pharisees, or at least that he has left readers with an ambiguous depiction of them. What previous evaluations of the Lukan Pharisees have left unanswered, however, is why Luke would give such an impression of these characters and then what might lie behind the rhetorical effects of ambiguity. Justin R. Howell reevaluates the long-standing debate about the Pharisees in Luke-Acts, arguing the thesis that there is ambiguity in the Lukan Pharisees because, in his portrayals of them, the author has applied what ancient Greco-Roman rhetoricians call »figured speech.« The fact that the Lukan Pharisees appear ambiguous to some readers does not necessarily mean that Luke was also undecided about or ambivalent toward them, for the use of figured speech can presuppose a firm and critical stance on the characters in view.

Li, Soeng Yu

## Paul's Teaching on the Pneumatika in 1 Corinthians 12–14

### Prophecy as the Paradigm of *ta Charismata ta Meizona* for the Future-Oriented *Ekklēsia*

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In this study, Soeng Yu Li explores Paul's understanding of the *charismata* in 1 Corinthians 12–14 and why the apostle focuses on the *charisma* of prophecy in 1 Corinthians 14. After demonstrating that the semantic relationship between *charismata* and *pneumatika* is to be understood as meronymy, the author then offers an exegesis of 1 Corinthians 12–14 from a meronymic point of view. In 1 Corinthians 12–14, Paul teaches about the topic *pneumatika*, the things that characterize the life of the *pneumatikoi*. Paul teaches the Corinthians that as *pneumatikoi*, both their behaviour and their practice of their apportioned *charismata* must be characterized by *agapē*. Only in this way can they build up the *ekklēsia* in the here and now towards the promised eschatological future. To illustrate his teaching, Paul uses prophecy as the paradigm of *ta charismata ta meizona* for the gathered *ekklēsia* living in the future-oriented present.

Dunne, John Anthony

## Persecution and Participation in Galatians

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In his letter to the Galatians, Paul writes that his Gentile audience should not illegitimately appropriate Jewish customs, especially circumcision. As a way to understand why Paul deems circumcision in this context to be so egregious, being a matter of apostasy rather than simply an adiaphoron, John Anthony Dunne argues that the themes of suffering and persecution point to the coercive nature of the conflict in Galatia. What is at stake for Paul is allegiance to the crucified Christ. Due to the realities inaugurated by the Christ-event and the implications of participating in the Messiah's death and resurrection, suffering for the sake of the cross is to be endured instead of succumbing to the compulsion to be circumcised. Suffering persecution, rather than receiving circumcision, demarcates the true people of God who are set apart in Christ for future blessing and vindication.

## Christ of the Sacred Stories

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The New Testament writings do not offer systematic Christology in the usual sense. In a certain way, however, they present more than just one systematic Christology and tell stories about and develop images of Jesus Christ. This is implicitly the case in texts like Paul's letters or the Book of Revelation. The present volume presents contributions dealing with Christ Stories in various New Testament and some non-canonical Christian texts, and others which raise the question of whether it is possible to describe (from a distinctly Christian perspective) Christ Stories present in Old Testament writings such as Isaiah or the Psalms. Contributions written from the perspective of Orthodox scholars are to be read in dialogue with the articles from Western authors – and vice versa. The book honors two important exegetes, Bishop Dr. Irinej Bulović and Prof. Dr. Ulrich Luz.

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Wilson, Andrew J.

## The Warning-Assurance Relationship in 1 Corinthians

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Paul's first letter to the Corinthians contains both emphatic warnings and strong statements of assurance, and the relationship between them has often puzzled interpreters. At times, it sounds as if Paul is warning the Corinthians lest they forfeit their eschatological salvation; at others, it sounds like he is assuring them that they will not. Attempts to harmonise the two stances have often ended up nullifying the warnings, or the assurances, or both. In this fresh analysis of all the relevant texts, Andrew J. Wilson demonstrates that Paul's warnings and assurances stand in tension with each other, and suggests that this tension is both coherent, and, in actual fact, deliberate on Paul's part. Discussions of perseverance and apostasy in Paul, grace and works, and the relationship between divine and human agency, will all now need to reckon with this important contribution.

Morris, Michael J.

## Warding Off Evil

### Apotropaic Tradition in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Synoptic Gospels

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In this study, Michael J. Morris examines aspects of synoptic gospel demonology; specifically, human responses to demonic evil. It is clear that early Christian demonology can be more fully understood against the background of early Jewish traditions. In the Dead Sea Scrolls, for instance, there are two fundamental ways by which protection against demons is sought. The first anti-demonic method is »exorcism,« and the second is characterized by its preventative nature and is typically referred to as »apotropaism.« Although many contributions have been made on the topic of exorcism in the gospels, less attention has been paid to the presence of apotropaic features in the gospel texts. Therefore, Michael J. Morris offers a timely examination of apotropaic tradition in early Judaism and its significance for demonological material in the synoptic gospels. He shows how the presence of apotropaisms not only shape conversations about early Christian demonology, but also have broader implications for the understanding of evil, eschatology, and the depiction of Jesus in relation to each gospel.



## The Crucified Apostle

### Essays on Peter and Paul

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Peter and Paul have fascinated Christians since the first century. Though often pitted against one another in scholarship and popular imagination, they respected one another. They found common ground in the crucified and risen Christ Jesus, and in service to his body, the church. This volume continues the long, rich conversation about these two essential, fallible apostles. In seventeen essays, including one of Peter Stuhlmacher's final published works, the contributors probe enduring issues in ways that provide fresh insights. They strive to advance New Testament scholarship by addressing Peter and Paul's historical interaction, their intertextual exegesis, and Paul's view of Pastoral Theology. Their focus on intertextuality reflects Peter's and Paul's saturation in scripture and their focus on Jewish and Gentile relationships seeks to foster unity in church and culture.

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Trozzo, Lindsey M.

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### A Rhetorical Approach to Moral Efficacy in the Fourth Gospel Narrative

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Exploring the ways of thinking and living that the narrative in the Gospel of John would likely have engendered Lindsey M. Trozzo utilizes rhetorical analysis to facilitate a fresh approach to the long-standing »problem« of Johannine ethics. She considers four rhetorical features: participation in genre, incorporation of encomiastic topics, metaleptic extension of those topics, and appropriation of structural devices as guides for interpreting the story's narrative and rhetorical trajectory. Each rhetorical feature is defined and situated in its ancient literary context to provide a theoretical framework for discussion. From there, the author explores the presence of the rhetorical feature in the Fourth Gospel. She finds that Johannine ethics engages the audience in moral deliberation rather than delivering explicit ethical propositions. Despite the lack of explicit ethical material in the Fourth Gospel, Exploring Johannine Ethics demonstrates that there is much we can say about John's elusive ethics.

Marshall, Jill E.

## Women Praying and Prophesying in Corinth

### Gender and Inspired Speech in First Corinthians

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In First Corinthians, Paul makes two conflicting statements about women's speech: He crafts a difficult argument about whether men and women should cover their heads while praying or prophesying (11:2–16) and instructs women to be silent in the assembly (14:34–35). These two statements bracket an extended discussion about inspired modes of speech – prophecy and prayer in tongues. From these exegetical observations, Jill E. Marshall argues that gender is a central issue throughout 1 Corinthians 11–14 and the religious speaking practices that prompted Paul's response. She situates Paul's arguments about prayer and prophecy within their ancient Mediterranean cultural context, using literary and archaeological evidence, and examines the differences in how ancient writers described prophetic speech when voiced by a man or a woman.



Coutts, Joshua J. F.

## The Divine Name in the Gospel of John

### Significance and Impetus

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One of the distinctive features of the Fourth Gospel is the emphasis it places on the »name« (ὄνομα) of God. As the earliest Christian texts already exhibit a shift toward Jesus's name as the cultic or divine name, what might have motivated the Evangelist to this recovery of the divine name category? Joshua J. F. Coutts argues that the divine name acquired particular significance through the Evangelist's reading of Isaiah, which, in combination with the polemical experience and pastoral needs of early Christians, formed the impetus for his interest in and emphasis on the divine name.

## Gottesdienst und Engel im antiken Judentum und frühen Christentum

Hrsg. v. Jörg Frey u. Michael R. Jost

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Some Second Temple Judaism and New Testament texts describe or presuppose heavenly and earthly communities interconnected in prayer and liturgy. The motif has been discussed especially in view of the Dead Sea discoveries. But it is also of interest to general discussion on the character of liturgy, as well as the ecumenical debate with Orthodox churches in whose form of worship angels play a particularly significant role. In the field of systematic theology, the issue was Roman Catholic theologian and historian Erik Peterson's central focus and subject of debate with Karl Barth. This volume presents the multidisciplinary contributions of a symposium held in Zürich on the interrelation of earthly worship and the heavenly host.

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Mininger, Marcus A.

## Uncovering the Theme of Revelation in Romans 1:16–3:26

### Discovering a New Approach to Paul's Argument

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Past study of Rom 1:16–3:26 focuses on individual salvation or on social relations and also produces a host of interpretative quandaries. Marcus A. Mininger develops a new approach, which includes but goes beyond these foci, by unearthing the theme of revelation that runs throughout Paul's argument largely unnoticed. More than a proof of sin or of social equality, Paul provides a survey of numerous visible revelations, in which otherwise invisible realities like God's wrath, the power of sin, and God's righteousness are seen through the observable effects they produce in different people. Read this way, the rationale of Paul's argument becomes quite clear, including for »problem texts« like Rom 2 and 3:1–8, as Paul proves that the gospel, not the law, overcomes sin's power and that God's righteousness always exists in contrast to the human condition in this age.

»[This is] an unusually interesting and original piece of work. [Its] interaction with current literature is impressively thorough and fair; the argumentation, which never loses sight of the text itself, is cogent and comprehensive. [...] All in all, frankly, this is one of the most satisfying dissertations (published or unpublished) that I recall ever reading. I hope it gets the attention it deserves.«

Moisés Silva, former Mary French Rockefeller Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

»[This book] represents a significant contribution to New Testament research. Dr. Mininger builds a convincing case that close



attention to Paul's pervasive concern with revelation in Romans 1–3 holds the key to resolving many of the interpretative difficulties that have long plagued scholarship on these chapters.«

J. Ross Wagner, Associate Professor of New Testament, Duke University

»Here is a stimulating opening in the study of Romans 1–3. This work helps break open Romans 1–3 for fresh reading by its attention to the theme of the history of revelation. It thereby enriches the classical understanding of Romans, oriented to the theme of sin and justification, as well as showing some of the weaknesses in newer sociologically oriented readings. Readers may disagree with some details (I do myself). But they should not miss the overall insights offered by a perspective that focuses on revelation.«

Vern S. Poythress, Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Westminster Theological Seminary

Ip, Alex Hon Ho

## A Socio-Rhetorical Interpretation of the Letter to Philemon in Light of the New Institutional Economics

### An Exhortation to Transform a Master-Slave Economic Relationship into a Brotherly Loving Relationship

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In this study, Alex Hon Ho Ip argues that when Paul wrote to Philemon about Onesimus, his main purpose was not to try and reunite, as is widely held, a runaway slave with his master, but rather to have Onesimus accepted as a beloved brother in Christ. By examining the letter's inner texture, the author shows that Paul's main concern was for Philemon and Onesimus to be reconciled in brotherly love. The inter-textual weave reveals Paul's theological and ethical thoughts on love, which is the basis for the apostle's main argument. By taking a new institutional economics approach to help reconstruct the economic relationship between slave and master, Alex Hon Ho Ip is able to offer a better understanding of the original relationship Paul argued against. With all this in mind, the focus is on re-reading the letter and hearing how Paul's rhetoric exhorts a new relationship between Onesimus and Philemon.

Ravasz, Hajnalka

## Aspekte der Seelsorge in den paulinischen Gemeinden

### Eine exegetische Untersuchung anhand des 1. Thessalonicherbriefes

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In this study, Hajnalka Ravasz examines the nature of pastoral care within Pauline congregations using social-psychological theories. After some introductory epistemological questions, she explores the relevance of role models, the role of the pastor, mourning processes, and the means of pastoral care among the church members. The term pastoral care is not found in the Bible, although traces of successful and unsuccessful pastoral care practices are evident in 1 Thessalonians. After a diligent exegesis, the author presents social-psychological theories and employs them for textual analysis. She thus reveals social systems of relationships, Paul's interactions with his congregations, and the clashes in their relationship, stimulating intra- and interdisciplinary dialogue.

## Participation, Justification, and Conversion

### Eastern Orthodox Interpretation of Paul and the Debate between »Old and New Perspectives on Paul«

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The debate between the old and the new perspectives on Paul has been a focal point of Pauline studies in recent years. The exchange has, in turn, given rise to new research projects focussing on potential affinities and differences between the new perspective on Paul and Eastern Orthodox interpretation. This volume therefore takes up the discussion between Eastern Orthodox, new, and old perspectives on Paul and seeks to develop it further. The aim is to foster dialogue between the varying receptions of Paul on an exegetical basis. To this end, the contributions are focused on texts playing a crucial role in the debate regarding participation, justification and conversion in Paul. Three papers at the end provide alternative readings of Paul that go beyond the arguments of the old and new perspectives.

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Creech, David

## The Use of Scripture in the Apocryphon of John

### A Diachronic Analysis of the Variant Versions

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David Creech explores at length the *Apocryphon of John's* ambivalent treatment of the Jewish and Christian scriptures. Although Moses is explicitly corrected at five points in the text, Genesis' account of creation is nonetheless the basis for the *Apocryphon's* cosmogony and anthropogony. Its uneven treatment of the biblical text is the result of a dispute between the authors of the *Apocryphon* and other early Catholics. At the earliest stage of the text the Christians who wrote and read the *Apocryphon* worshiped alongside other early catholic Christians without any sense of contradiction or inconsistency. The key shift in the *Apocryphon* occurred after Irenaeus of Lyons' assault on »Knowledge Falsely So-Called.« In response to his concerted effort to bring the church under the authority of early catholic bishops, the framers inserted corrections to Moses. The corrections are primarily rhetorical and used to refute early catholic identity markers.

Lorenz, Elisabeth

## Ein Jesusbild im Horizont des Nationalsozialismus

### Studien zum Neuen Testament des 'Instituts zur Erforschung und Beseitigung des jüdischen Einflusses auf das deutsche kirchliche Leben'

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One of the dark stains which responsible exegesis has to confront itself with is the role that the Bible played for antisemitic-thinking exegetes with regard to Nazism. Elisabeth Lorenz presents the first study on texts belonging to the »Botschaft Gottes« (God's Message), an excerpted version of the Bible containing heavily edited and partly rearranged New Testament texts that was published in 1940 by the Germanic-Christian »Institute for the Study and Elimination of Jewish Influence on German Church Life«. Its academic director was Walter Grundmann who remained an influential exegete long after the war and was a former Jena Professor of New Testament and Völkisch (Ethnic) Exegesis. The focus of this volume's analysis is the exegetical reworking of the texts, which the author examines for their underlying translation and editorial hermeneutics.

Giambrone, Anthony

## Sacramental Charity, Creditor Christology, and the Economy of Salvation in Luke's Gospel

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In this work, Anthony Giambrone investigates the appropriation and development of Jewish charity discourse in Luke's Gospel. In contrast to previous scholarship, neither the coherence of Lukan »wealth ethics« nor its contemporary actualization defines his study. Instead, the sacramental significance of almsgiving becomes the starting point for a more theologically oriented exegesis. The end result recognizes Luke's »Christological mutation« of the inherited tradition. The text is organized around three exegetical probes, each handling parabolic material: i.e. Luke 7:36–50, 10:25–37, and 16:1–31. The author advances an approach to these parables that highlights Christological allegory (metalepsis) as a Lukan narrative device. A break is thus implied with the dominant rationalist constructions of Luke's parabolic art and ethics. Also in contrast to a dominant trend, stress is laid upon Luke's Jewish rather than Greco-Roman context. To expose the distinctly Jewish character of his charity theology, each probe centers upon an Old Testament text and line of Second Temple reception linked to Luke: i.e. Isa 61:1–2 and 11Q13; Lev 19:18 and CD 6:20; and Prov 10:2 and Tobit.



Pascut, Benjamin

## Redescribing Jesus' Divinity Through a Social Science Theory

An Interdisciplinary Analysis of Forgiveness and Divine Identity in Ancient Judaism and Mark 2:1–12

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In what sense, if any, can one speak of Jesus' divinity in Mark's Gospel? Traditional approaches to this subject have been preoccupied with questions about historical precedents in the Greco-Roman imperial cult, the intertextuality of the gospels, the status of the so-called intermediary figures, and the strict or flexible nature of Jewish monotheism without a conceptual framework for examining identity uniqueness and unity of identity. In this interdisciplinary monograph, Benjamin Pascut employs a theory from the social sciences to re-evaluate a long-standing debate about Jesus' divinity and authority to forgive sins, arguing that Mark's Jesus is not just a divine being, but one who is included in the identity of the One God. This argument unfolds along five chapters that explore YHWH's divine identity in ancient Judaism, philosophical insights about forgiveness, the link between YHWH's divinity and authority to forgive, the possibility of third-party forgiveness in other Jewish primary sources, and Jesus' authority to forgive in Mark 2:1–12.

Böhm, Christiane

## Die Rezeption der Psalmen in den Qumranschriften, bei Philo von Alexandrien und im Corpus Paulinum

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In this study, Christiane Böhm examines the interpretation of the Psalms in the trio of 11QPSa, Philo's allegorical commentary and the Pauline letters, each of which constitutes paradigmatic text corpora representing the various strands of ancient Judaism, and provides a specific understanding of the Psalms.

The interpretation of the Psalms in Qumran, Philo and Paul reflect an inner-Jewish discourse on their capacity to disclose reality and their identity-imparting function in the interpretive horizon of group-specific belief systems. The three examined text corpora reveal a different view of the Psalms. It also becomes apparent how the sense potential inherent in the psalter is fully exhausted.

Immendorfer, Michael

## Ephesians and Artemis

The Cult of the Great Goddess of Ephesus as the Epistle's Context

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In this study, Michael Immendorfer examines the relationship between the New Testament letter to the Ephesians and the ancient city of Ephesus, which had the great Artemis as its goddess. He seeks to make a contribution to the discussion on the extent to which conclusions can be drawn concerning the local-historical explanation of New Testament epistles by viewing the latter through the lens of Greco-Roman cultic practices. Thus the contents of Ephesians are compared with the abundantly available archaeological and epigraphical sources of the Asia Minor metropolis. This endeavour reveals that the letter contains numerous unequivocal references to the cult of Artemis, a nexus suggesting that the author was very familiar with the historical background of ancient Ephesus and contextualised his letter accordingly for the intended readers who lived in this particular cultic environment. Drawing on the sources concerning ancient Ephesus, especially inscriptions, provides a plausible local-historical explanation of Ephesians, an epistle that has been an enigma to New Testament scholarship for decades in this regard.

Wang, Sunny Kuan-Hui

## Sense Perception and Testimony in the Gospel According to John

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In this book, Sunny Kuan-Hui Wang explores the relationship between sense perception and testimony in the Gospel of John. While Johannine scholars tend to focus on one or the other, she shows that sense perception and testimony are both significant and are used together with the intention of drawing readers into the narrative so that they become witnesses in an emotionally engaged way. It is argued that John's use of sense perception together with testimony is rooted in Jewish literature. Yet John also employs a Graeco-Roman rhetorical technique, *enargeia*, which appeals to the persuasive power of sense perception to make his narrative vivid. John does not downplay sense perception. Rather, he uses it in the context of testimony as a means of persuasion to draw the readers, in their imagination, into the experience of the first disciples and thus deeper into faith and witness.

Szkredka, Sławomir

## Sinners and Sinfulness in Luke

### A Study of Direct and Indirect References in the Initial Episodes of Jesus' Activity

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In staging his story of Jesus, Luke dedicates considerable space to the characters known as sinners. Scholars have noted this peculiarly Lukan emphasis. Still, scholarly attention has tended to limit itself to the so-called sinner texts, that is, the pericopae containing the word »sinner« or its cognates. The multiple indirect references to sin and sinners have been overlooked. Responding to this lacuna, Sławomir Szkredka examines the role of both direct and indirect references to sinfulness in the initial episodes of Jesus' activity. His study reveals that the sinners are not an easily identifiable category of characters: their defining characteristic – their sinfulness – is often found inadequate, rendered inapplicable, or transferred to another character. What the reader understands about sinners is that he or she must discover and assimilate Jesus' perception of them. The reader's coming to know Jesus is enacted.

Bowens, Lisa M.

## An Apostle in Battle

### Paul and Spiritual Warfare in 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

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In this close reading of 2 Corinthians 12:1–10, Lisa M. Bowens provides a detailed historical-critical exegesis and comparative analysis to establish that Paul links his ascent in 2 Corinthians 12:1–10 to 2 Corinthians 10:3–6 where he foregrounds a cosmic battle around the mind and the knowledge of God. In 10:3–6, the apostle presents a trilateral framework of cosmology, epistemology, and theological anthropology, which converge in his heavenly journey. Lisa M. Bowens examines a variety of Jewish and Greco-Roman texts and calls attention to the persistence and importance of martial imagery in chapters 10–13 of Second Corinthians, including in Paul's ascent narrative. Moreover, prayers of deliverance from evil forces become more prevalent around the first century, and this work situates Paul's request in 2 Corinthians 12:8 within this genre.

Moxon, John R.L.

## Peter's Halakhic Nightmare

### The »animal« vision of Acts 10:9–16 in Jewish and Graeco-Roman Perspective

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Did Luke intend Peter's visionary command to eat 'unclean animals' in Acts 10 to suggest the dissolution of the Jewish Law? Whilst scholars have argued over sources, inconsistent redaction and later reception, many have failed to notice here the novel use of a type of transgression anxiety dream. John Moxon shows how by the incorporation of such naturalistic motifs, Luke takes »revelation« in a new and decidedly psychological direction, probably imitating similar developments in Graeco-Roman biography. If the vision reveals an illegitimate transfer of *disgust* within an exaggerated halakha of separation, then its target is prejudice and inconsistency, not the Jew-Gentile divide as such, as underlined by the ironic contrast with the pious Cornelius. In this reading, Luke's non-supercessionism is maintained, whilst showing him acutely aware of the kinds of nightmare holding many back from the nascent Gentile mission.

Drews, Alexander

## Semantik und Ethik des Wortfeldes »Ergon« im Johannesevangelium

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In this volume, Alexander Drews studies the use, semantics and ethical significance of the lexical field *Ergon* in John's Gospel. He discusses all the relevant instances and compares their meaning with Aristotle's famous *Ergon* ('task', 'function') argument and an antique corpus. The heart of the work is a detailed exegetical section evaluating the lexical field's ethical effect. Central to this is John 3, 18–21, which opens up a perspective from the 'area of light', the 'area of darkness' and an 'ambivalent action area' and so offers the reader incentives for action. The author methodically covers new territory in semantics by testing corpus linguistics, and in ethics by applying Ruben Zimmermann's methodology on 'implicit ethics'.



Deibert, Richard I.

## Second Corinthians and Paul's Gospel of Human Mortality

### How Paul's Experience of Death Authorizes His Apostolic Authority in Corinth

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In this close reading of Second Corinthians and examination of prevailing attitudes toward death in Greco-Roman Corinth, Richard I. Deibert proposes Paul's physical mortality as the window through which to understand both the mystery of his collapsing authority in Corinth and the heart of his gospel. In his own experience of physical dying, Paul experiences the »deadness« of the resurrected Jesus, which paradoxically communicates life to him and through him to his congregations. Paul discovers that death has been transfigured into a source of life and, consequently, that human mortality has been infused with saving power. This study of human mortality clarifies, both for Paul's day and for our own, how crucial it is to guard the human person as an inseparable unity of body and soul, and to keep theology grounded in experience. Richard I. Deibert's work is of vital interest not only to students of early Christian and New Testament history, but also to students of anthropology, philosophy, and theology.

Kiffiak, Jordash

## Responses in the Miracle Stories of the Gospels

### Between Artistry and Inherited Tradition

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Jordash Kiffiak offers the first concentrated study of a motif ubiquitous in the miracle stories of the gospels, namely the descriptions of characters' speech, feelings, physical actions and the like in response to miracles. Conventional wisdom sees the response motif as a means of casting the miracle worker in a positive light. However, the author's narrative-critical analysis argues that within each gospel the motif is employed creatively in a variety of ways. Responses serve to characterize various individuals and groups, both positively and negatively, sometimes in a more complex manner. They also contribute to the development of the plot, both in the individual episode and in the larger narrative. At the same time, observing that a network of features in the responses is shared among the gospels, Kiffiak argues that there is a common oral tradition behind the miracle stories, originating among the early followers of Jesus in the Galilee and/or Judea.

Olson, Robert C.

## The Gospel as the Revelation of God's Righteousness

### Paul's Use of Isaiah in Romans 1:1–3:26

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Paul's primary scriptural source in Romans 1–4 (and the epistle as a whole) is the prophecy of Isaiah and its redemptive narrative centering in the »proclamation of good news«. Paul understands the content of this good news to be the revelation of God's righteousness in the sacrificial death of the messiah as the source of redemption from the power of sin and death and the basis of the everlasting (new) covenant, and hence as that which effects redemptive recreation. Paul employs Isaiah, particularly its intertextual typology of both the plight of Israel and the sacrifice of the Servant of the Lord, to convey a covenantal and revelational continuity that climaxes in the gospel. Robert C. Olson explains how the expansive sweep of this redemptive narrative in Isaiah stretches from its allusions to the fall, to the overthrow of death and the creation of the new heavens and new earth, as Israel and the nations are at last ushered back into the presence of the glory of God. This Isaianic redemptive narrative, therefore, through Paul's extensive citational and allusive reference to the prophecy, forms the principle scriptural and theological framework for the epistle.

Rogers, Trent

## God and the Idols

### Representations of God in 1 Corinthians 8–10

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The interpretation of 1 Cor 8–10 as a coherent argument is complicated by several factors, most significantly the apparent contradictions in the text (primarily an issue within chapter 8) and the remarkable changes in Paul's tone (primarily an issue with how 10:1–22 relates to 8:1–13 and 10:23–11:1). Trent A. Rogers argues that Paul consistently prohibits believers from eating εἰδωλόθυτα (offerings made to idols) by appealing first to their obligation to love other believers and then to their obligation of exclusive faithfulness to Christ. The approach of his analysis is to examine how the representation of God functions in Paul's argument, especially in comparison to other Hellenistic Jewish polemics against idolatry. While this is an argument made about particular practices, it is an argument made on theological grounds, and these theological underpinnings have been largely unexplored. Paul's argument draws on streams of interpretation already existing in Judaism. But the role of Christ radically shapes Paul's theological grid and takes his polemic against idolatry in new directions.

Götte, Monika Elisabeth

## Von den Wächtern zu Adam

### Frühjüdische Mythen über die Ursprünge des Bösen und ihre frühchristliche Rezeption

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In the early Jewish-Christian tradition, the question as to the origin of evil is explained through the use of various mythological concepts. Most prominent are the Enochic myth of the Watchers and the narrative of Adam's fall. Monika Elisabeth Götte analyses the development and the reception of these two motifs, revealing a gradual shift of the explanation of evil's origins from the Watchers to Adam and, later, to the primordial fall of Satan. The plurality of explanations within the biblical and the early Christian tradition leads to hermeneutical issues: If evil is not explained in a uniform and definitive manner, but is left open in a multifaceted play of motifs, what does this mean for Christian theology?

## Der jüdische Messias Jesus und sein jüdischer Apostel Paulus

Hrsg. v. Armin D. Baum, Detlef Häußer und Emmanuel L. Rehfeld

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The occasion of Rainer Riesner's 65th birthday brought together many of his students and colleagues to discuss the Jewish contours of the messianic ministry of Jesus of Nazareth and the apostolic ministry of Paul of Tarsus. The contributions in this compendium consider in the main issues of continuity or discontinuity between Judaism and Christianity as they are reflected in New Testament texts concerning Jesus and Paul as well as in Paul's writings. The question concerning the Jewish roots of early Christianity has at least three sides to it which all receive attention in this volume: the influence of the Scriptures of Israel on the ministries of Jesus and Paul, their relationship to early Judaism, and the links between Paul's theology on the one hand and the teaching of Jesus and the synoptic tradition on the other.

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Kaden, David A.

## Matthew, Paul, and the Anthropology of Law

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Drawing from Michel Foucault's understanding of power, David A. Kaden explores how relations of power are instrumental in forming law as an object of discourse in the Gospel of Matthew and in the Letters of Paul. This is a comparative project in that the author examines the role that power relations play in generating discussions of law in the first century context, and in several ethnographies from the field of the anthropology of law from Indonesia, Mexico, the Philippines, and colonial-era Hawaii. Discussions of law proliferate in situations where the relations of power within social groups come into contact with social forces outside the group. David A. Kaden's interdisciplinary approach reframes how law is studied in Christian Origins scholarship, especially Pauline and Matthean scholarship, by focusing on what makes discourses on law possible. For this he relies heavily on cross-cultural, ethnographic materials from legal anthropology.

Armitage, David J.

## Theories of Poverty in the World of the New Testament

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David J. Armitage explores interpretations of poverty in the Greco-Roman and Jewish contexts of the New Testament, and, in the light of this, considers how approaches to poverty in the New Testament texts may be regarded as distinctive. Explanations for the plight of the poor and supposed solutions to the problem of poverty are discussed, noting the importance in Greco-Roman settings of questions about poverty's relation to virtue and vice, and the roles of fate and chance in impoverishment. Such debates were peripheral for strands of the Jewish tradition where poverty discourse was shaped by narrative frameworks incorporating transgression, curse, and the anticipated rescue of the righteous poor. These elements occur in New Testament texts, which endorse wider Jewish concern for the poor while reconfiguring hope for the end of poverty around an inaugurated eschatology centred on Jesus.

Pricop, Cosmin

## Die Verwandlung Jesu Christi

### Historisch-kritische und patristische Studien

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The current orthodox exegesis is still almost entirely marked out by the appropriation of patristic Biblical interpretations and their hermeneutics, while the western exegesis since the Enlightenment has undergone a profound hermeneutical reflection and has developed a corresponding array of methodical instruments. That for which orthodox exegesis is typical, is held to be insufficient by Western exegesis scholars – and vice versa. In his study, Cosmin Pricop poses the question as to how these approaches could mutually enrich one another. He correlates patristic interpretations of the Bible with the scholarly methods of Western exegesis using the example of the narrative of Christ's transfiguration and shows how the two could reciprocally complement each other. Thus, Pricop's study is conceived as a contribution to ecumenism.

Foster, Robert B.

## Renaming Abraham's Children

### Election, Ethnicity, and the Interpretation of Scripture in Romans 9

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In this study, Robert B. Foster explores the intersection between the interpretation of Scripture and the construction of communal identities. He argues that in Rom 9, Paul applies prophetic texts from Malachi, Hosea, and Isaiah to the story of Abraham's children in Genesis. These interpretive maneuvers enable Paul to extrapolate from the patriarchal narratives a specific construal of election: it is the ironic privilege of being simultaneously God's chosen and rejected people. This understanding of election he in turn applies to Gentile Christ-followers, the remnant, and all Israel in order to build for them an all-encompassing yet differentiated Abrahamic identity for the messianic age.

## Erzählung und Briefe im johanneischen Kreis

### Hrsg. v. Uta Poplutz u. Jörg Frey

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The relationship between John's Gospel and the Johannine Epistles is still disputed. The present volume combines studies directly addressing this relationship with further detailed studies on the Fourth Gospel and the Epistles of John. Apart from the question about their direct relationship, the issues of 'docetism' and 'antidocetism', the problem of the community meals and further issues of Christology, sin and sinlessness, mimesis and ethics are discussed.

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Schell, Vitor Hugo

## Die Areopagrede des Paulus und Reden bei Josephus

Eine vergleichende Studie zu Apg 17 und dem historiographischen Werk des Josephus

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According to Vitor Hugo Schell, the Book of Acts is a historical work of art. In this volume, his comparative analysis of Paul's Areopagus sermon in Acts 17 and Hellenistic-Jewish historian Flavius Josephus' written observations lead to the discovery of new facets of the Luke-Acts author's literary strategies. The Areopagus speech is juxtaposed to the Bellum and Antiquities speeches, the two longest Josephus representations and the only surviving examples of a limited »subgenus« within early Jewish historiography. Fundamental questions posed by this study are how Josephus' writings facilitate a better understanding of both Paul's Areopagus speech and the Acts' author, and how Josephus is perceived as an ancient historian. The comparison of formal and thematic characteristics makes a specific contribution to interpreting the apostle's famous address to the Athenians and the entire Lucan work.

Cohen, Akiva

## Matthew and the Mishnah

Redefining Identity and Ethos in the Shadow of the Second Temple's Destruction

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Akiva Cohen investigates the general research question: how do the authors of religious texts reconstruct their community identity and ethos in the absence of their central cult? His particular socio-historical focus of this more general question is: how do the respective authors of the Gospel according to Matthew, and the editor(s) of the Mishnah redefine their group identities following the destruction of the Second Temple? The author further examines how, after the Destruction, both the Matthean and the Mishnaic communities found and articulated their renewed community bearings and a new sense of vision through each of their respective author/redactor's foundational texts. The context of this study is thus that of an inner-Jewish phenomenon; two Jewish groups seeking to (re-)establish their community identity and ethos without the physical temple that had been the cultic center of their cosmos. Cohen's interest is in how each of these communities (the Matthean and Mishnaic/Rabbinic-related ones) underwent a reformulation of their identity *as Israel*, and the consequent ethos that resulted from their respective reformulations.

## Evil in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity

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This collection of essays originates from the 2014 *Evil in Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity* conference hosted by the Centre for the Social-Scientific Study of the Bible at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Featuring an international collection of senior and junior scholars, it represents the cutting edge of scholarship on portrayals of evil in the Second Temple period and the earliest centuries of Christianity. The individual essays consider the significance of »evil« as it relates to a diverse set of topics, including Qumran and its texts, images of disability in 2 Maccabees, dissociations of Jesus from evil in early Christian manuscripts, the »apocalyptic Paul,« Jesus' exorcisms, Gospel cosmologies, the epistle of James, 4 Ezra, the *Ascension of Isaiah*, Marcion, John Chrysostom, and the *Acts of the Martyrs*.

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Ábel, František

## The Psalms of Solomon and the Messianic Ethics of Paul

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František Ábel explores one of the topical issues of Paul's theology, namely the role and influence of the Jewish Pseudo-epigraphs, literature written during Greek and early Roman periods (4th century BCE to the 2nd century CE), on Paul's theological thinking. Within this corpus the idea of eschatological concepts, such as the concept regarding the coming of the Messiah and the Last Judgment in particular, arises frequently. It is similar in the case of the *Psalms of Solomon* with the Last Judgment as the main topic of this pseudepigraphon. Through close analysis and exploration of particular parts of this work, the author proposes that this deuterocanonical writing could form a considerable background for the proper understanding of Paul's messianic ethics. From this point of view, Paul's teaching on justification should be understood as one that is reflective of God's grace, while at the same time expressing faith and deeds as necessary for salvation.

Dvoracek, Jiri

## The Son of David in Matthew's Gospel in the Light of the Solomon as Exorcist Tradition

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In this study, Jiří Dvořáček focuses on the usage of the »Son of David« title in Matthew's Gospel. He assumes that Matthew's image of the healing Son of David can be explained from the existing Jewish concepts – in particular in the light of the Solomon as exorcist tradition. In the first part, he examines important texts concerning the Son of David. The author argues that in the first century C.E. the designation »Son of David« could have referred not only to the triumphant royal Davidic Messiah – but within an exorcistic and healing context, it could have referred also to Solomon, himself a great exorcist and healer. In the second part, Jiří Dvořáček demonstrates in his exegesis of Matthean texts how Matthew used the royal messianic and the Solomon as exorcist tradition in order to create the image of the Son of David as a merciful, messianic, healing king, who in his wisdom, healings and exorcisms even surpasses David's son Solomon.

Kinney, Robert S.

## Hellenistic Dimensions of the Gospel of Matthew

### Background and Rhetoric

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In the search for Matthean theology, scholars overwhelmingly approach the Gospel of Matthew as »the most Jewish Gospel«. Studies of its *Sitz im Leben* focus on its relationship to Judaism, whether arguing from the perspective that Matthew wrote from a cloistered Jewish community or as the leader of a Gentile rebellion against such a Jewish community. While this is undoubtedly an important and necessary discussion for understanding the Gospel, it often assumes too much about the relationship between Judaism and Hellenism (via Martin Hengel). Scholars who so sharply focus on this question tend to neglect Matthew's provenance in a thoroughly Greek culture and first-century Judaism's thorough Hellenization. Robert S. Kinney argues for a hybridized perspective in which Matthew's attention to Jewish sources and ideas is not denied, but in which echoes of Greek and Roman sources can be observed, focusing on identifying Matthew's use of rhetoric and its possible echoes of Greco-Roman philosophical disciple-gathering teachers.

## God and the Faithfulness of Paul

### A Critical Examination of the Pauline Theology of N.T. Wright

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N. T. Wright's *Paul and the Faithfulness of God* is the culmination of his long, influential, and often controversial career – a landmark study of the history and thought of the Apostle Paul, which attempts to make fresh suggestions in a variety of sub-fields of New Testament studies. This volume brings together a group of international scholars to critically weigh and assess an array of issues in Wright's work, including methodology, first-century contextual factors, exegetical findings, and theological implications. In so doing, the volume's contributors bring these facets of *Paul and the Faithfulness of God* into dialogue with the current state of scholarship in both Anglophone and German contexts. It thus offers both a critical evaluation of Wright's accomplishment as well as an excellent overview of and introduction to issues that are hotly debated within contemporary Pauline studies.

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This collection of essays focuses on the question of »evil« in religious traditions that may be described as »monotheistic« or for which at least the rule of one main god over all other deities and powers is a key concern. The emphasis of this volume moves from the Hebrew scriptures to nascent Judaism and Christianity, and concludes with attention to the reception of traditions in Targumic literature and medieval legends. The articles in this volume demonstrate the wide variety of ways in which »evil« manifested itself in the literature of ancient Judaism and Christianity. Authors address continuities, innovations, and divergences within these different but related traditions, with questions about the location of evil externally, as a demon or a devil, or internally, as the human capacity for evil. Additionally, when dualism is formative for constructions of evil in Jewish and Christian literature, care is taken to develop forms in which evil is ultimately subordinated to God and the good.

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This volume represents the diverse range of research interests in the Book of Revelation operative in current British research, examining questions of genre, structure, composition, scriptural reuse, exegesis, thematic issues, and reception history. This collection, from a distinguished and diverse group of senior and junior scholars, is accessible to a broad range of readers, and is relevant for a number of critical conversations pertaining not only to the Apocalypse, but also to broader avenues of discourse in New Testament and Early Christian studies.

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Whitaker, Robyn J.

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Robyn J. Whitaker demonstrates how a rhetorical analysis of the visions of God in the Book of Revelation reveals the persuasive role of the visions of God and the Lamb in John's argument against cultic images and worship. Through the rhetorical technique of ekphrasis, the author adapts his Jewish sources to make present a God who is perceived to be spatially or temporally absent. In doing so, he offers a verbal-visual image that seeks to combat the power of imperial cult images. Locating the text in its religious and rhetorical context, Robyn J. Whitaker argues that the author participates in an ongoing debate over whether writers or sculptors (artists) could best represent the gods; that is, whether God is best represented by words or images. John ultimately mounts an argument for the epiphanic power of words and of his text in particular as a way to encounter divine presence and, moreover, to facilitate worship of the divine.

Brown, Derek R.

## The God of This Age

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Derek R. Brown sheds new light on a subject often overlooked in New Testament studies – the references to the figure of Satan in the undisputed Pauline letters. He contends that the references to Satan are best understood when considered in light of Paul's apocalyptic theology and apostolic responsibility to his churches. Drawing on an analysis of these two interpretive categories – as well as a discussion of the various images of »Satan« in the Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Jewish traditions – the author concludes that Paul fundamentally characterizes Satan in his letters as the apocalyptic adversary who opposes his apostolic labor (κόπος), which, critically, includes his churches. Paul does so, it is argued, because he believes that the success of his apostleship is pivotal for the spreading of the gospel at a crucial point in salvation history.

Wagener, Fredrik

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Fredrik Wagener unites character-analysis and ethical readings of John's Gospel in this volume. He offers both lay-people and experts a comprehensive array of tools for examining biblical and other narrative texts alike. Exemplary applications, images and tables make this part of the work a practical, well-equipped study workshop. The heart of the book is a detailed exegesis of the subtitle's four characters. Complete scenes in which they appear are analysed and interpreted for their moral statements, rules, stimuli to act or ethical reflection-impetus. The characters are made to appear as either good examples or ones of deterrence, as someone to identify with or symbolic mediums for reflection. A wide horizon of the gospel's ethical substance is hereby demonstrated.



Siikavirta, Samuli

## Baptism and Cognition in Romans 6–8

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Baptism, for Paul, is a christological event that he also uses in his ethical argument. The discussion of the relationship between Paul's theology and ethics has made use of the terms 'indicative' and 'imperative' since Wernle and Bultmann. As subsequent discussion has shown, these terms are problematic not only because of their rigidity and ambiguity. In this study, Samuli Siikavirta focuses on Romans 6–8, the key text for the interplay between Paul's theological and ethical material. He brings the discussion back to what he sees as central to this interaction: baptism and its cognition. Both elements are examined in their Jewish and Stoic settings. Death to sin, slavery to God, holiness and the indwelling of the Spirit are all seen as integral parts of the baptismal state that is deeply christological rather than symbolical. Paul's cognitive language is then viewed in light of his desire to remind his addressees of who and whose they are because of their baptism.

Kirk, Alexander N.

## The Departure of an Apostle

### Paul's Death Anticipated and Remembered

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What was Paul's attitude toward his own death? How did he act and what did he say and write in view of it? What hopes did he hold for himself beyond death? These questions are explored by Alexander N. Kirk through a close reading of four Pauline letters that look ahead to Paul's death and other relevant texts in the first two generations after Paul's death (AD 70–160). Thus, this book is a study of Paul's death in prospect and retrospect. Starting with the latter, Alexander N. Kirk examines portraits of the departed Paul in Acts, *1 Clement*, the letters of Ignatius, Polycarp's letter *To the Philippians*, and the *Martyrdom of Paul*. Viewed as a part of Paul's early effective history, these early portraits of Paul offer substantial resources for the interpretation of his letters. The second half of the thesis examines portraits of the departing Paul in 1 and 2 Corinthians, Philippians, and 2 Timothy, arguing that Paul's death did not primarily present an *existential* challenge, but a *pastoral* one. Although touching upon several areas of recent scholarly interest, Alexander N. Kirk sets forth a new research question and fresh interpretations of early Christian and Pauline texts.

Ryu, Jang

## Knowledge of God in Philo of Alexandria

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How does Philo of Alexandria conceive of the origin and nature of the human mind? How does Philo perceive the potential of the human mind in its ascent to the divine? And how does he imagine the limitations of the human mind in its ascent to knowledge of such divine realities? Raising new questions regarding Philo's view of divine knowledge, Jang Ryu identifies two distinct but related sets of epistemological ideas in the Philonic library, one in each of his exegetical series of writings. Philonic discourses on mystery initiation and divine inspiration in the so-called *Allegorical Commentary* are also considered in the light of Philo's wider exegetical and philosophical interests.

Bork, Arne

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In this study of the Sayings Source's spatial and character semantics, Arne Bork exposes the literary arrangement of Q's narrated reality. What significance do these semantics have for the narrative of Q? How are the various characters to be situated in the space of the narrated world? And which inferences can be drawn concerning the Q narrative's theology, as well as the sociology of a community of Q-recipients, by referring to the semantics of space and characters? Methodically, the author takes an intertextual approach to the Q-narration which targets the sense but not the exact wording of Matthew's and Luke's simultaneously transmitted logia. By using theories and models from current literary studies and historiography, this interdisciplinary study is able to confirm and extend present Q-research.

Dennert, Brian C.

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Although recent discussions on Matthew have emphasized the document's setting within Judaism, these studies have not analyzed how the Jewish figure of John the Baptist functions within this setting. Brian C. Dennert steps into this gap, arguing that Matthew presents Jesus to be the continuation and culmination of John's ministry in order to strengthen the claims of Matthew's group and to vilify the opponents of his group. By doing this he encourages Jews yet to align with Matthew's group (particularly those who esteem the Baptist) and to gravitate away from its opponents. The author examines texts roughly contemporaneous with Matthew which reveal respect given to John the Baptist at the time of Matthew's composition. The examination of Matthew shows that the first Evangelist more closely connects the Baptist to Jesus while highlighting his rejection by Jewish authorities.

Leim, Joshua E.

## Matthew's Theological Grammar

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To say that the first Gospel is about Jesus is to state what any reader knows from the most cursory glance at Matthew's narrative. Yet the scholarly discourse about Jesus' identity in Matthew reveals a fundamental confusion about how to articulate the identity of Jesus vis-à-vis »God« in the narrative. In this work, Joshua Leim attempts to bring greater clarity to the articulation of Jesus' identity in Matthew by attending more precisely to two linguistic patterns woven deeply into the entire narrative's presentation of Jesus: Matthew's christological use of »worship/obseisance« language (proskyneō) and his paternal-filial idiom. Along with exploring the role these linguistic patterns play in the narrative, the author attempts to hear such language in relation to early Judaism and its articulation of the identity of the God of Israel. The study of these various elements yields the conclusion that the identity of God and Jesus Christ are inseparably related in Matthew's Gospel. Matthew articulates the identity of Israel's God around the Father-Son relation.

Gillner, Jens

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The great view to salvation is the first thing that comes to mind when Luke's Gospel is considered with the third evangelist introducing this in the first two chapters of his Gospel. However, that the judgement of God also plays a considerable role in Luke is shown by Jens Gillner in this volume. Within New Testament research, each of the pertinent texts has been looked at closely. For the first time, however, the view is taken here that the theme of God's punishment is a most influential one in Luke's soteriology. The author pursues the following three key questions in his study: How does Luke introduce the subject of God's punishment? What end does he seek with talk of this subject? And how do the promise of salvation and the threat of God's judgement relate to one another in the third Gospel? Gillner closes by taking a look at Paul's declaration of the judgement in the Areopagus Speech in Acts 17,30f.

Filtvedt, Ole Jakob

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Does the letter to the Hebrews confirm traditional notions of Jewish identity, does it articulate a fresh notion of Christian identity, or is neither of these alternatives adequate? Taking the motif of the »people of God« in Hebrews as his starting point, Ole Jakob Filtvedt explores these questions, and argues that the answer must be related to a paradoxical tension between newness and continuity in Hebrews. Prior attempts to read Hebrews within a supersessionist paradigm are critiqued, but so are more recent interpretations that see Hebrews as confirming a »radical new perspective« on Christian origins.

Tam, Josaphat C.

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Josaphat C. Tam discusses the »apprehension of Jesus« concept in John's Gospel by focusing on the apostle's use of seeing, hearing, knowing, witnessing, remembering and believing terms. In so doing, the author contributes to a better understanding of the concept and John's persuasive strategies by delineating a four-phased apprehension of Jesus in line with the overall plot. On this basis, he postulates four aspects of John's intended impact. Firstly, John has a dual faith-engendering goal targeted at believers and non-believing alike while he secondly skillfully reminds his audience of the importance of Jesus' »presentness« as a living, omniscient and divine being. Thirdly, the past activities of »seeing« and »hearing« in the Gospel are associated with reading John's trustworthy testimony in the present. Finally, the belief or unbelief of readers is exposed to challenging possibilities when the narrated Jesus is encountered.

Genz, Rouven

## Jesaja 53 als theologische Mitte der Apostelgeschichte

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Rouven Genz presents a new approach to the research of the Acts of the Apostles. He states that the book of Acts qualifies not as a primarily historically but rather theologically motivated corpus and its author is appreciated as an exegete of scripture. Genz's main emphasis is on the examination of the reception of texts from the book of Isaiah. The focal point is the story of Philip and the Ethiopian treasurer in Acts 8, which manifests exemplarily Luke's interest with recourse to Isaiah 53. Beyond that, the Isaianic tradition in general, as well as the concept of the Servant of God in particular, also prove to be the hermeneutical key for the Lucan christology and ecclesiology: Luke regards Jesus as the Servant of God in the Isaianic sense and his followers as servants of the Servant. Moreover, Luke acquires his soteriological premises from the Isaianic texts as well: He conceives of Jesus' death as an atoning death.

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Nicholas Ellis examines the interplay present in early Jewish literature between authors' theological assumptions on divine agency in evil and their readings of biblical testing narratives. Ellis takes as a starting point the *Epistle of James*, and compares this early Christian work against other examples of ancient Jewish interpretation. Ellis shows how varying perspectives on the divine, satanic, and human roles of testing exercised a direct influence on the interpretation of popular biblical testing narratives such as Abraham and Isaac, Job, and the Trials in the Wilderness. Read in light of the broader Jewish literature, Ellis argues that the theology and hermeneutic found in the Epistle of James as such relate to divine testing are closely paralleled by the so-called 'Rewritten Bible' tradition. Within James' cosmic drama, God stands as righteous judge, with the satanic prosecutor indicting both divine integrity and human religious loyalty.

## Wie Geschichten Geschichte schreiben

Frühchristliche Literatur zwischen Faktualität und Fiktionalität

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In this study on speech ethics in the New Testament Susanne Luther provides an overview of speech-ethical instructions in New Testament texts: How are we supposed to use speech? In which way can the use of language be characterized as morally good or bad? Subjects pertaining to speech ethics are discussed in particular in the Gospel of Matthew, the Epistles of James and 1 Peter: words spoken in anger, the evil of the tongue, controlled speech, inadequate speech, truthfulness and a person's integrity of word and deed, judging and reprimands. The author uses discourse-analytical methodology to study the discourse relationship between the New Testament and ancient texts and focuses on the discourse positions found in New Testament writings.

Park, Young-Ho

## Paul's Ekklesia as a Civic Assembly

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The Greek word *ekklesia* originally meant the civic assembly of all citizens in the classical Greek democracy. Young-Ho Park argues that the strong civic connotation of this term continued to operate in the political culture of the Hellenistic and Roman periods. The use of *ekklesia* in second-temple Judaism should also be understood as part of this political culture in which the Jews were substantially incorporated. By adopting this civic term in his letters to his local Gentile congregations, Paul effectively created a symbolic universe in which the Christ worshippers saw themselves as the honorable citizens who represented the city before God. This civic nature of the community was also used as Paul's solution to the Corinthian problem, especially with regard to the Lord's Supper, and provided an organizational principle for the local communities.

Heilig, Christoph

## Hidden Criticism?

### The Methodology and Plausibility of the Search for a Counter-Imperial Subtext in Paul

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Paul has been regarded as being uncritical of the Roman Empire for a long time, not least because of his apparent call to obey the state in Rom 13:1–7. However, recent scholarship has questioned this assumption by pointing to »hidden criticism« in the letters of the apostle. But how can we decide, in a methodologically sound way, whether such a counter-imperial message lies beneath the surface of the text? On the basis of insights from the philosophy of science, Christoph Heilig suggests several analytical steps for examining this paradigm. He concludes that the hypothesis that we can identify critical »echoes« of the Roman Empire in Paul's letters needs to be modified for it to be maintained. In particular, concern over the danger of overt criticism and subsequent persecution do not sufficiently justify this interpretative hypothesis. Nevertheless, Heilig concludes that the search for a counter-imperial subtext in Paul could turn out to be heuristically fruitful so long as the limitations of the approach are heeded. Hence, a re-evaluation of Pauline passages in light of Paul's engagement with ideas from his Roman environment is encouraged.

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From the inception of critical Jesus research, the questions of Jesus' understanding of his authority and his aims have been central to this field of inquiry. Up to this day, scholars are making efforts toward resolving those questions. This volume is a collection of contributions that were originally presented at the second Nordic Symposium on the historical Jesus in Lund 2012. Researchers from Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden continue and broaden a conversation that was initiated in Turku 2010. The topics of Jesus' identity and aims are coupled under the concept of »mission,« which includes his notion of being sent, the purposes that he aimed to fulfill, and the means of carrying out these purposes. Contributions to the volume discuss methodological problems, analyze proposals made in previous research, and suggest new understandings of various aspects of the mission of Jesus.

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## Jesus, Paulus und die Texte von Qumran

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In this volume the relevance of the Qumran discoveries for the interpretation of Jesus and the Jesus tradition and of the Pauline epistles is discussed in detailed studies and thematic overviews. The focus is on Jesus' position toward the Sabbath and his eschatology, Paul's use of the scriptures and his method of interpretation and the relevance of the *Hodayot* and of *4QInstruction* for the interpretation of New Testament texts. An extensive study utilizes the Qumran insights on the Aramaic language in the late Second Temple period for a new Aramaic reconstruction of the Lord's Prayer.

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Gunkel, Heidrun

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### Theologisches Profil, Grund und Intention der lukanischen Pneumatologie

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The insight that the Holy Spirit plays a decisive role in Luke-Acts is not a new one. Works up until now have however either not taken into consideration all instances of the Holy Spirit within Luke-Acts, or have dealt with thematic limitations from the outset. In contrast, Heidrun Gunkel offers a comprehensive examination of the subject, illustrating how Luke portrays the Holy Spirit's diverse functions and effects. Like stones in a mosaic, each finding slots into place to reveal an overall picture of Luke's pneumatology and serves to underline that the Holy Spirit is an important building block in his theology. On this basis, the author examines how Luke uses his formative perceptions of the Holy Spirit, set against a backdrop of Old Testament, Jewish and Hellenistic perspectives, in order to make his message intelligible to both Jews and Greeks alike.

Moore, Nicholas J.

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Repetition has had a chequered and often negative reception in Christian history, especially in connection with ritual and liturgy, and the Letter to the Hebrews lies at the heart of this contested understanding. Nicholas Moore shows that repetition in Hebrews does not operate in uniform contrast to the once-for-all death of Christ but rather functions in a variety of ways, many of them constructive. The singularity of the Christ event is elucidated with reference to the once-yearly Day of Atonement to express all-surpassing theological sufficiency, and repetition can contrast or coexist with this unique event. In particular, Moore argues that the daily Levitical sacrifices foreshadow the Christian's continual access to and worship of God. This reappraisal of repetition in Hebrews lays foundations for renewed appreciation of repetition's importance for theological discourse and religious life.

Sommer, Michael

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### Studien zur Verbindung der Rezeption von Ex 7–11 in den Posaunen- und Schalenvisionen der Johannesoffenbarung und der Tag des Herrn-Tradition

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The Book of Revelation is a text which combines many of the story lines from Israel's scriptures. John created a unique genre of text by placing allusions to the traditions of Israel together vividly. Moreover, his writings are nothing short of a masterpiece, built as they are on a huge network of keywords and a connection of motifs. Michael Sommer examines and explains one of the main threads in this complex text. He demonstrates that Rev 6:12–16:21 can be read as a coherent sub-unit in the apocalyptic visions in which John wanted to fuse together the two traditions of the great Day of the Lord and the plagues in Egypt.

Irons, Charles Lee

## The Righteousness of God

### A Lexical Examination of the Covenant-Faithfulness Interpretation



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Advocates of the New Perspective on Paul appeal to the view that »righteousness« in biblical theology is a Verhältnisbegriff (relational concept). This is the view that »righteousness« does not mean conformity to a norm, nor is it an essentially legal concept; rather, »righteousness« denotes the fulfillment of the demands of a relationship, since the relationship itself is the norm. This relational interpretation of »righteousness« was first put forward by Hermann Cremer in 1899 and exercised a profound influence in biblical scholarship throughout the 20th century. It lies at the root of the New Perspective claim that »the righteousness of God« in Paul is a cipher for God's saving faithfulness to his covenant, a view defended by N. T. Wright, among others. Charles Lee Irons provides a critical examination of Cremer's chief arguments for the relational, covenant-faithfulness interpretation. The author argues instead for the view that »the righteousness of God« in Rom 1:17; 3:21–22; 10:3; 2 Cor 5:21; and Phil 3:9 is the status of righteousness that comes from God as a gift.

Carlson, Stephen C.

## The Text of Galatians and Its History

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Stephen C. Carlson investigates the text of Paul's Epistle to the Galatians and analyses how that text changed over the course of its transmission in manuscript copies over several centuries. For this study, he collated ninety-two textual witnesses of Galatians and arranged them into a genealogical family tree called a *stemma codicum*, with assistance from a computer-implemented method used in computational biology known as *cladistics*. Using this global stemma, he establishes a critical text for the epistle and assesses the nature of the textual variations that occurred throughout the text's history of transmission in over 250 significant variant readings, paying particular attention to possible theological motivations. This is the first study to produce a global stemma of any kind for a New Testament book, an accomplishment that was previously thought to be unfeasible.

## »In Christ« in Paul

### Explorations in Paul's Theology of Union and Participation

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Nearing thirty-five years ago, E. P. Sanders famously stated that the center of thought within Paul's theology is participatory in nature – which, of course, caused no small debate within broad strands of Pauline scholarship. Sanders also suggested that we have no modern conception of what this thought might mean for us today. These two axioms of Sanders loosely organize the essays in this volume which seek to explore the complex notions of union and participation within Pauline theology through exegesis, highlights in reception history, and theological reflection. This collection of essays aims at teasing out the complex web of meaning conveyed through Paul's theological vision of union and participation – both in their relationship and in their distinction with one another. Taken as a whole, this edited volume constitutes a multi-disciplinary reflection and exploration of Paul's theological vision of participation and union. But it is precisely as a multi-disciplinary *exploration* that this volume hopes to chart new ground and make new connections within Pauline thought with the hope that further research might contest and/or clarify its findings.

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Clark, Bruce T.

## Completing Christ's Afflictions

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What is the relationship between the preeminent, cosmos-reconciling 'Christ' of Col 1:15–20 and the imprisoned 'Paul' of 1:24–29, who enigmatically 'completes' the former's afflictions as he declares to 'every person' *the* mystery, long concealed but only now revealed by Israel's God to his holy ones? After finding solid exegetical ground through an unprecedented and exhaustive study of the rare verb *antanaplēroō* (in 1.24), Bruce Clark tackles this most intriguing, if challenging question. He argues that Col 1, in accord with 2 Cor 5:18–6:4, presents Paul as the utterly unique *diakonos* ('minister') of the universal *ekklēsia* and, therefore, as one whose afflictions uniquely complete Christ's own, so that together, revealing the righteousness of God, they initiate the divine reconciliation of 'all things.'

Henning, Meghan

## Educating Early Christians through the Rhetoric of Hell

### »Weeping and Gnashing of Teeth« as Paideia in Matthew and the Early Church

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In this book, Meghan Henning explores the rhetorical function of the early Christian concept of hell. Building upon classical rhetorical techniques and the descriptions of Hades in Greek and Roman literature, she contends that the ancient Christian concept of hell was developed as a part of a distinctively Christian *paideia*. She traces the history of this interpretive process, illustrating the ways in which early Christians drew upon the Greek and Roman system of ethical and cultural education, to create and maintain their own culture. By doing this the author demonstrates that Matthew's gospel is the nexus in which early Christian ideas about eternal punishment begin to crystallize, and becomes the focal point for later apocalyptic and patristic authors who interpret and reshape Matthew's »weeping and gnashing of teeth« in a variety of pedagogical contexts.

Schedtler, Justin Jeffcoat

## A Heavenly Chorus

### The Dramatic Function of Revelation's Hymns

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The claim that Revelation's hymns function as did Classical tragic choral lyrics insofar as they comment upon or interpret the surrounding narrative has become axiomatic in studies of Revelation. Justin Jeffcoat Schedtler marks an advance in this line of inquiry by offering an exegetical analysis of Revelation's hymns alongside a presentation of the forms and functions of ancient tragic choruses and choral lyrics. Evaluating the hymns in light of the varieties and complexities of ancient tragic choruses, he demonstrates that they are not best evaluated in terms of choral lyrics generally, but in terms of dramatic hymns in particular, insofar as they constitute mythological-theological reflections on the surrounding narrative, and function to situate the surrounding dramatic activity in a particular mythological-theological contexts.

Moser, Marion

## Schriftdiskurse im Johannesevangelium

### Eine narrativ-intertextuelle Analyse am Paradigma von Joh 4 und Joh 7

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Marion Moser deals with the references to scripture in John's Gospel, a classical theme in the interpretation of the Evangelist. Through the application of inter-textual and narrative methods, a central and hitherto barely observed aspect of the use of scripture in the fourth gospel comes into focus: quotes and references from the writing are mostly embedded in various forms of reported speech. Tied to this observation is a whole series of new questions: which figures use scripture and which interpretation do they endorse? What are the consequences of this for the exegesis of John's writings? Does this use of language represent a narrative strategy on John's part, and, if so, could it be plausibly explained by the historical situation? In the paradigmatic examination of John 4:1 and John 7:1–52, the author follows these and other questions in a bid to win fresh insights into the gospel as a whole.

Swafford Works, Carla

## The Church in the Wilderness

### Paul's Use of Exodus Traditions in 1 Corinthians

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Much attention has been devoted to Paul's quotations from the Old Testament, but little attention has been given to Paul's use of biblical narratives. The most extensive use of scripture in 1 Corinthians involves an allusion to Israel's exodus (10:1–22), which contains only one quotation (1 Cor 10:7). Since there is much debate on how to identify scriptural allusions, Carla Works examines two passages where there is overwhelming scholarly consensus regarding the presence of exodus imagery: 1 Corinthians 5:6–8 and 10:1–22. These passages, therefore, provide an ideal place to consider how Paul is using Israel's exodus traditions to instruct a predominantly non-Jewish congregation. The author argues that the exodus tradition, a tradition used to bolster Israel's identity and to teach Israel about the identity of God, is reinterpreted by Paul in light of Christ and is employed to foster the identity formation of the Corinthians as the church of »one God and one Lord« (1 Cor 8:6).

Root, Bradley W.

## First Century Galilee

### A Fresh Examination of the Sources

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Bradley W. Root offers a thorough re-examination of the relevant literary and archaeological evidence for first century Galilee. Root argues that previous scholarship on Galilee has generally failed to make appropriate distinctions between the different sources of information for the region's history. He therefore adopts a strict method of historical inquiry, evaluating each of the relevant literary sources and the archaeological evidence discretely before interpreting the evidence collectively. Root concludes with a historical reconstruction of first century Galilee, arguing that the region was politically stable until the Great Revolt of 66 CE. He also illustrates that Galilean culture was substantially influenced by Judean culture and that Galilee had significantly fewer socio-economic problems than Judea. He contends that the Jewish communities along the Sea of Galilee developed their own distinct regional culture.

Ogereau, Julien M.

## Paul's Koinonia with the Philippians

### A Socio-Historical Investigation of a Pauline Economic Partnership

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Julien M. Ogereau explores the socio-economic dimension of Paul's *koinonia* with the Philippians from a Graeco-Roman perspective. After conducting a rigorous philological study of the business terminology Paul employs in Philippians in the light of documentary sources (papyri and inscriptions), he offers a thorough socio-economic reading of the letter that is informed by ancient cultural conventions. Challenging recent scholarship, Ogereau concludes that Paul's relationship with the Philippians followed the well-established pattern of economic partnerships (*koinonia/societas*), whereby Paul supplied the *ars* and *opera* (skill and labour), while the Philippians contributed the *pecunia* (funds).

Foster, Robert J.

## The Significance of Exemplars for the Interpretation of the Letter of James

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In this book, Robert J. Foster explores James' use of his four characters from Jewish history and tradition (Abraham, Rahab, Job and Elijah) and considers their collective as well as individual functions in the composition. He concludes that each of the four exemplars was tested to the extreme (albeit in very different ways) yet remained wholly-committed to God. By reason of that commitment each exemplar became an outsider in both their cultural and historical contexts. 'James' urges his audience to emulate these exemplars in their less extreme tests of daily life by rejecting the values of the world and living according to the reinterpreted Torah of Jesus Christ.

Dicken, Frank

## Herod as a Composite Character in Luke-Acts

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Frank Dicken offers a new perspective on the three rulers who appear in Luke-Acts with the name »Herod,« contending that in light of their similar narrative depictions they may be construed as a composite character, i.e., a single character in the narrative. Viewing the Lukan Herods alongside other composite characters in Jewish and early Christian literature, the author then compares and contrasts the portrayal of the Herods in Luke-Acts with what is known about the Herods historically. Thereby he highlights two unique features – the title »King of Judaea« at Luke 1:5 and the name »Herod« for Agrippa I in Acts 12 – that result in construing the Herods as a composite. A reading of Luke-Acts focusing on each passage in which composite »Herod« appears demonstrates that understanding »Herod« as a single character is possible. Finally, Frank Dicken examines the characterization of composite »Herod« as an antagonist who embodies satanic opposition toward the spread of the gospel in the Lukan narrative.

Rollens, Sarah E.

## Framing Social Criticism in the Jesus Movement

### The Ideological Project in the Sayings Gospel Q

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Although it has become increasingly popular to understand the earliest rural Jesus movement as emerging from a peasant milieu, proponents of this model have not yet taken the time to explore the ramifications for a highly stylized written document being the earliest evidence for this movement. On the contrary, the Sayings Gospel Q, a sophisticated literary text having affinities with other ancient literature and even documentary papyri, does not seem to be a product of a peasant milieu. Even so, Q does not appear to be the product of elites either, for the text is rife with tropes of social and economic marginality. In order to access the elusive »middling stratum« from which Q's authors may stem, Sarah E. Rollens looks cross-culturally at middling figures to understand the ideological project in Q.

## The Identity of Jesus: Nordic Voices

### Ed. by Samuel Byrskog, Tom Holmén and Matti Kankaanniemi

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Much of the Jesus scholarship has concentrated on the so-called self-identity of Jesus. However, due to the recent emphasis on the subjective perception and memory processes in the methodology of Jesus research, it is meaningful to re-conceptualize the question. The authors of this volume approach the question of the identity of Jesus from different angles. Viewpoints vary from that of comparative religion to the analysis of the narratives Jesus told, some key events of his life and existing identities of the first century Judaism. The overall aim in this collection of articles is to provide informative and updated perspectives on one of the most central questions of the research field. The papers given in the first Nordic Symposium of the Historical Jesus in Åbo 2010 have been modified and collected to cover important aspects in the historical Jesus research. While contributions come from a rather heterogeneous group of scholars, the geographical and linguistic proximity have enabled keen and fruitful interaction, thus making Nordic voices worth hearing.

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The authors of this volume explore various instances of theo-political visions of authoritative texts in Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism, and Early Christianity, and as such offer a broader perspective on the *topos* »sacred texts in their context.« Instead of a narrow exploration of the »political intent« of a singular text or group of texts, the volume contains the treatment of a wide range of texts, out of different corpora, with their discrete contexts. Their juxtaposition, as well as that of the respective scholarly approaches of the essays, offers fresh insights on the matter. Each of the essays in the collection addresses the issue of oppressive imperial ideology and the extent to which the authors of sacred texts engaged their political contexts, and eight of the essays specifically present reactions to the Roman Empire.

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Arnold, Bradley

## Christ as the Telos of Life

### Moral Philosophy, Athletic Imagery, and the Aim of Philippians

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Bradley Arnold examines the argumentative logic and central aim in Paul's letter to the Philippians. A historical context is mapped out that is useful for these purposes, examining the broad structure of thought in ancient moral philosophy (namely, Aristotle, Epicureanism, and Stoicism), ancient athletics, and vivid description. The author then uses these areas to elucidate the nature of Paul's argument in Philippians. In an exegetical analysis of the entire letter he demonstrates that Paul's argument is structured similarly to the pattern of thinking in ancient moral philosophy and that within this framework Paul utilizes athletics at key places to conceptualize the nature of Christian existence. He argues that Paul sums up his perspective on life with the image of the runner in Phil 3:13-14, which functions as a vivid description. This imagery plays a central role in Paul's rhetorical aim in this letter, presenting *in nuce* his persuasive appeal for the Philippians to pursue Christ as the τέλος of life.

Snyder, Julia A.

## Language and Identity in Ancient Narratives

### The Relationship between Speech Patterns and Social Context in the Acts of the Apostles, Acts of John, and Acts of Philip

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When a Christian writer refers to Jesus as »the Lord,« what does it signify? Is it primarily a way of making a political or theological statement, or might social concerns have had more influence on the writer's choice of words? Studies of early Christianity regularly depend on a nuanced understanding of lexical significance, but current research often fails to consider social aspects of »what words mean.« Julia A. Snyder argues that methodological improvements are needed in how lexical significance in ancient Greek texts is determined, based on an analysis of the relationship between speech patterns and addressee identity in the *Acts of the Apostles*, *Acts of John*, and *Acts of Philip*. She also illustrates how sociolinguistic variation contributes to characterization and the construction of Christian identity in the narratives, how it sheds light on the rewriting of ancient texts, and how it informs the question of whether apostolic narratives were produced for evangelistic purposes.

## Reconsidering the Relationship between Biblical and Systematic Theology in the New Testament

### Essays by Theologians and New Testament Scholars

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The essays in this volume engage specific New Testament texts and theological doctrines through the lens of one or more of the following questions: Should systematic theology dominate biblical theology or the reverse? Should they form a partnership of equals? How would such a partnership function? Is theology necessary or harmful for exegesis? Should theological peculiarities in the New Testament be considered in exegetical study? The contributors include both systematic theologians and New Testament scholars, and each explores their respective topics with a concern for reconsidering the relationship between biblical and systematic theology. These essays offer diverse ways of reevaluating how biblical theology and systematic theology function together as pillars, partners, or partisans. This volume contains a foreword by Tremper Longman, III, and postscript by Stan D. Gaede.

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From its very beginning, Christianity was an innovative movement which had to construct and maintain its identity, morality, and social as well as theological boundary markers as it developed from a religion of conversion into a religion of tradition. Early Christianity's sensitivity to »outsiders« evolved in various ways as circumstances and socio-cultural contexts changed. In this volume scholars from around the world reflect on the dynamic relationship between mission and ethos in the New Testament and Early Christianity, focusing particularly on the sensitivity, or lack thereof, to outsiders, and thereby offering new insights into old questions. Most of the New Testament and several second century books are individually studied by specialists in the field making this book a valuable reference volume on the topic.

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Information about Ancient Christianity is preserved in literary texts. These sources contain passages that became liturgical texts during their history of reception while the context or form of some of them could suggest their ritualized use in the churches of New Testament times. The essays in this volume elaborate on the question of how ancient pieces of liturgy might be found in the extant literature. It also asks how readers of these literary texts can avert the risk of anachronistic reconstructions of ancient liturgies. The topics of this collection range from Jewish Early Medieval poetry to Ancient Greek hymns. The papers discuss the physical appearance of prayer texts among the Dead Sea Scrolls, the performative aspects of texts as they are visible in the Old Testament Suspected Adulteress ritual, as well as prayer texts in the Psalms of Solomon and in the Acts of Thomas. All those lines of research in texts and methods intersect in the conceptual center of the volume: the question of liturgy in the literature of the New Testament which is also debated in detail.

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