

## A Guide to New Testament Introductions and Surveys

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### ***Introductions and Surveys (including information on Dating and Authorship Issues)***

- BS 2330.3 .A34 Paul J. Achtemeier. *Introducing the New Testament*. (2001)  
Written by Achemeier with the collaboration of two other NT professors, this book focuses on the NT's background, content and theology.
- BS 2330.2 .B33 G. W. Barker, W. L. Lane, and J. R. Michaels. *The New Testament Speaks*. (1969).  
A clearly written introduction and survey.
- BS 2619 .B56 Craig L. Blomberg. *From Pentecost to Patmos: An Introduction to Acts through Revelation*. (2006).  
Blomberg, professor of New Testament, discusses issues of authorship, date, and textual reliability for these books of the NT.
- BS 2555.2 .B586 Craig L. Blomberg. *Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey*. (1997).  
Blomberg looks at the gospels in their historical and cultural contexts, and provides a contemporary framework for study and discussion.
- BS 2330.3 .C37 Carson, Moo, Morris. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. (2005)  
Three evangelical NT professors offer information about the authorship, date, sources, and purpose of each section and book of the NT.
- BS 2330.2 C493 B. S. Childs. *The New Testament as Canon: An Introduction*. (1984)  
An insightful book that advances Childs' canonical approach.
- BS 2330.3 .D47 David A. deSilva. *An Introduction to the New Testament: Contexts, Methods & Ministry Formation*. (2004)  
DeSilva covers each book of the NT with information about its setting and purpose. He offers extensive treatments of the thematic issues of each.
- BS 2330.2 .D75 J. Drane. *Introducing the New Testament*. (1986).  
A survey of the NT presented in an attractive way and a readable style.
- BS 2330.2 .E36 Bart D. Ehrman. *The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings*. (2000).  
Written by a self-proclaimed agnostic professor of Religious Studies, this book addresses the diverse influences on the formation of the canon.
- BS 2325 .E52 E. Earle Ellis. *The Making of the New Testament Documents*. (2002).  
An evangelical viewpoint on the formation of the canon and the reliability of the traditions passed down in both oral and written forms.

- BS 2330.3 .E59 Walter A. Elwell. *Encountering the New Testament: a historical and theological survey.* (2005).  
A beginning level text on the background, outline, purpose and message of the books of the New Testament.
- BS 2535.2 .G86 R. H. Gundry. *A Survey of the New Testament.* (1994).  
A very helpful survey for the beginning student.
- BS 2330.2 .G87 D. Guthrie. *New Testament Introduction.* (1990).  
A massive and learned introduction from an evangelical perspective. A persuasive case for the authenticity of all the Pauline letters.
- BS 2330.2 .H33 E. F. Harrison. *Introduction to the New Testament.* (1971).  
Similar to Guthrie but shorter and easier to read.
- BS 2330.2 J64 L. T. Johnson. *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation.* (1986).  
An innovative and creative introduction focusing on the structure and content of the writings themselves, instead of on authorship and date.
- BS 2330 .K87 W. G. Kümmel. *Introduction to the New Testament.* (1975).  
Standard German critical work.
- BS 2330.2 .M28 R. P. Martin, *New Testament Foundations: A Guide for Christian Students.* (1975, 1978).  
An innovative introduction.
- BS 465 .M38 Lee Martin McDonald. *The Biblical Canon: Its Origins, Transmission, and Authority.* (2007).  
A discussion of the various influences on the formation of the canon.
- BS 2393 .F33 Scot McKnight and Grant R. Osborne, eds. *The Face of New Testament Studies: A Survey of Recent Research.* (2004).  
Includes chapters discussing issues related to the context of the New Testament, New Testament hermeneutics, Jesus, and earliest Christianity.
- BM 2523.2 .M4 B. M. Metzger. *The New Testament: Its Background, Growth and Content.* (1983).  
A useful introduction for the beginning student.
- BS 2325 .M593 B. M. Metzger. *The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption, and Restoration.* (2005).  
Bruce Metzger and Bart Ehrman collaborate to examine the methods of textual criticism, manuscript evidence and the establishment of the text.
- BS 2330.2 .M6 C. F. D. Moule. *The Birth of the New Testament.* (1982).  
A fresh approach.
- BS 2530 .P5613 Antonio Piñero and Jesús Peláez. *The Study of the New Testament: A Comprehensive Introduction.* (2003).  
Two Spanish professors survey the history of interpretation, the canon, text criticism and the history of the text, the historical and literary context.
- BS 2315.5 R67 J. A. T. Robinson. *Redating the New Testament.* (1976).  
In this creative work Robinson argued that all NT documents are to be dated previous to 70 A.D.
- BS 2330 .W46 A. Wikenhauser. *New Testament Introduction.* (1958).  
A helpful Roman Catholic introduction.