

Reading Romans Backwards A Gospel Of Peace In The

This volume brings together respected biblical scholars to evaluate the turn toward "empire criticism" in recent New Testament scholarship. While praising the movement for its deconstruction of Roman statecraft and ideology, the contributors also provide a salient critique of the anti-imperialist rhetoric pervading much of the current literature.

Invaluable for anyone seeking a deeper insight into Christianity and its most controversial figure. The Apostle Paul has shaped the course of Christian ethics for centuries and is widely regarded as the most influential theologian in the Christian tradition. In this authoritative introduction, Morna D. Hooker offers a female perspective on a figure usually portrayed as a conservative misogynist. Looking behind the epistles to reconstruct the real man and his beliefs, she places the scriptures in their original context and suggests a consistent and coherent Pauline theology. Original and thought-provoking, this concise study is essential reading for all who seek to learn more about the most controversial figure in Christianity.

In this compelling book, Scot McKnight shares his personal experience in the church as well as his study of the Apostle Paul to answer this significant question: What is the church supposed to be? For most of us the church is a place we go to on Sunday to hear a sermon or to participate in worship or to partake in communion or to fellowship with other Christians. Church is all contained within one or two hours on Sunday morning. The church the Apostle Paul talks about is designed by God to be a fellowship of difference—how people differ socially—and differences—how people differ culturally. God did not design the church to be a two-hour experience on Sunday but a mixture of people from all across the map and spectrum: men and women, rich and poor, Caucasians or African Americans, and Mexican Americans, Latin Americans, Asian Americans, and Indian Americans, and a mixture of people with varying personalities and tastes. The church McKnight grew up in was a fellowship of sames and likes. There was almost no variety in his church. White folks, same beliefs about everything, same tastes in music and worship and sermons and lifestyle. Because of his experience, he writes incisively and compellingly. The church is God's world-changing social experiment of bringing unlikes and differences to the table to share life with one another as a new kind of family. When this happens we show to the world what love, justice, peace, reconciliation, and life together is designed by God to be. The church is God's show-and-tell for the world to see how God wants us to live as a family.

Reveals the healing power of the Jesus Creed, and explains how the Jesus Creed of love for God and others can help people transform their lives.

Jesus Is Lord, Caesar Is Not

Letting the Gospel Shape Our Practice

Forming a Goodness Culture That Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing

A Commentary

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The Least of These

How to Know, Read, Live, and Show the Gospel

Globalization. Homelessness. Ecological and economic crisis. Conflicts over sexuality. Violence. These crisis-level issues may seem unique to our times, but Paul's Letter to the Romans has something to say to all of them. Following their successful Colossians Remixed, Sylvia Keesmaat and Brian Walsh unpack the meaning of Romans for its original context and for today. The authors demonstrate how Romans disarms the political, economic, and cultural power of the Roman Empire and how this ancient letter offers hope in today's crisis-laden world. Romans Disarmed helps readers enter the world of ancient Rome and see how Paul's most radical letter transforms the lives of the marginalized then and now. Intentionally avoiding abstract debates about Paul's theology, Keesmaat and Walsh move back and forth between the present and the past as they explore themes of home, economic justice, creation care, the violence of the state, sexuality, and Indigenous reconciliation. They show how Romans engages with the lived reality of those who suffer from injustice, both in the first century and in the midst of our own imperial realities. Authoritative chapters chart new developments of gospels interpretation in four main areas: background, content, interpretation and impact.

According to Jackson W., some traditional East Asian cultural values are closer to those of the first-century biblical world than common Western cultural values. In this work Jackson demonstrates how paying attention to East Asian culture provides a helpful lens for interpreting Paul's most complex letter, and we see how honor and shame shape so much of Paul's message and mission. Parakeets make delightful pets. We cage them or clip their wings to keep them where we want them. Scot McKnight contends that many, conservatives and liberals alike, attempt the same thing with the Bible. We all try to tame it. McKnight's The Blue Parakeet calls Christians to stop taming the Bible and to let it speak anew to our heart. McKnight challenges us to rethink how to read the Bible, not just to puzzle it together into some systematic belief but to see it as a Story that we're summoned to enter and to carry forward in our day.

A Theology for the Social Gospel

Nurturing a Culture of Christofirmity in the Church

A Gospel of Peace in the Midst of Empire

A Survey of Recent Research

The Gospel According to Matthew

The Original Good News Revisited

Preaching Romans

A new commentary for today's world, The Story of God Bible Commentary explains and illuminates each passage of Scripture in light of the Bible's grand story. The first commentary series to do so, SGBC offers a clear and compelling exposition of biblical texts, guiding readers in how to creatively and faithfully live out the Bible in their own contexts. Its story-centric approach is ideal for pastors, students, Sunday school teachers, and all who want to understand the Bible in today's world. SGBC is organized into three easy-to-use sections, designed to help readers live out God's story: Listen to the Story; Explain the Story; and Live the Story. Praise for SGBC: "The easy-to-use format and practical guidance brings God's grand story to modern-day life so anyone can understand how it applies today."—Andy Stanley "Opens up the biblical story in ways that move us to act."—Darrell L. Bock "It makes the text sing and helps us hear the story afresh."—John Ortberg "This commentary breaks new ground."—Craig L. Blomberg

Contemporary evangelicals have built a "salvation culture" but not a "gospel culture." Evangelicals have reduced the gospel to the message of personal salvation. This book makes a plea for us to recover the old gospel as that which is still new and still fresh. The book stands on four arguments: that the gospel is defined by the apostles in 1 Corinthians 15 as the completion of the Story of Israel in the saving Story of Jesus; that the gospel is found in the Four Gospels; that the gospel was preached by Jesus; and that the sermons in the Book of Acts are the best example of gospeling in the New Testament. The King Jesus Gospel ends with practical suggestions about evangelism and about building a gospel culture.

Being a pastor is a complicated calling. Pastors are often pulled in multiple directions and must "become all things to all people" (1 Cor. 9:22). What does the New Testament say (or not say) about the pastoral calling? And what can we learn about it from the apostle Paul? According to popular New Testament scholar Scot McKnight, pastoring must begin first and foremost with spiritual formation, which plays a vital role in the life and ministry of the pastor. As leaders, pastors both create and nurture culture in a church. The biblical vision for that culture is Christofromity, or Christlikeness. Grounding pastoral ministry in the pastoral praxis of the apostle Paul, McKnight shows that nurturing Christofromity was at the heart of the Pauline mission. The pastor's central calling, then, is to mediate Christ in everything. McKnight explores seven dimensions that illustrate this concept--friendship, siblings, generosity, storytelling, witness, subverting the world, and wisdom--as he calls pastors to be conformed to Christ and to nurture a culture of Christofromity in their churches.

The birth of Jesus has been well chronicled, as have his glorious teachings, acts, and divine sacrifice after his thirtieth birthday. But no one knows about the early life of the Son of God, the missing years - except Biff, the Messiah's best bud, who has been resurrected to tell the story in this divinely hilarious, yet heartfelt work 'reminiscent of Vonnegut and Douglas Adams' (Philadelphia Inquirer). Verily, the story Biff has to tell is a miraculous one, filled with remarkable journeys, magic, healings, kung fu, corpse reanimations, demons, and hot babes, Even the considerable wiles and devotion of the Saviour's pal may not be enough to divert Joshua from his tragic destiny. But there's no one who loves Josh more - except maybe 'Maggie,' Mary of Magdala - and Biff isn't about to let his extraordinary pal suffer and ascend without a fight.

Reading Backwards

A Narrative Defense of God's Righteousness

Four Perspectives

Paul and Jesus

A Study Guide to Reading Romans Backwards by Scot McKnight

Honor and Shame in Paul's Message and Mission

A Beginner's Guide

Jesus cared for the least, but did Paul? The apostle Paul has a reputation for being detached from the concerns of the poor and powerless. In this book, Carla Swafford Works demonstrates that Paul's message and ministry are in harmony with the teaching of Jesus. She brings to light an apostle who preaches and models good news to the "least of these"—the poor, the marginalized, the disadvantaged, and the vulnerable. The Least of These begins by highlighting the presence of the marginalized in Paul's ministry by looking at poverty in Paul's churches, the involvement of slaves and freedpersons in the community, and the role of women in the Pauline mission. Works then examines the significance of the marginalized in Pauline theology by investigating how the apostle employs metaphors of the "least." Like Jesus, Paul cared deeply for people at the margins. Paul's ministry is consistent with that of Jesus. Both men cared for the poor. Paul served the least in his mission, modeling his apostolic ministry after the cross of Christ. Works shows that Paul, far from being an abstract thinker, was a practical theologian teaching a message and leading a life of compassion, kindness, and care. Witherington gleans fresh insights from reading the text of Paul's epistle in light of early Jewish theology, the historical situation of Rome in the middle of first century A.D., and Paul's own rhetorical concerns.

The bestselling author of Christ-Centered Preaching provides a useful and accessible resource that traces the history of Christian worship and calls contemporary congregations to gospel faithfulness.

Building on his own translation from the Greek, Hultgren walks readers through Romans verse by verse, illuminating the text with helpful comments, probing into major puzzles, and highlighting the letter's most inspiring features. He also demonstrates the forward-looking, missional character of Paul's epistle -- written, as Hultgren suggests, to introduce Roman Christians to the major themes of Paul's theology and to inspire in them both

confidence in the soundness of his teaching and support for his planned missionary efforts in Spain.

Paul's Visual Piety

Following King Jesus

Paul's Subjection Language in Romans

Paul's letter at ground level

Romans Disarmed

Pastor Paul (Theological Explorations for the Church Catholic)

Loving God, Loving Others

We want to follow King Jesus, but do we know how? Author and professor Scot McKnight will help you discover what it means to follow King Jesus through 24 lessons based on four of his writings (The King Jesus Gospel, The Blue Parakeet - 2nd edition, One Life, and A Fellowship of Differents). McKnight's unique framework for discipleship is designed to be used for personal study and within disciple-making groups of two or more. In this workbook, McKnight will help you: Know the biblical meaning of the gospel Read the Bible and understand how to apply it today Live as disciples of Jesus in all areas of life Show the world God's character through life together in the church Each lesson, created by Becky Castle Miller, has both Personal Study and Group Discussion sections. The Personal Study section contains a discipleship reading from Scot McKnight, an insightful Bible study, an insightful Bible study, and a time for individual prayer, action, and reflection. The Group Discussion section includes discussion questions and activities to do together with a discipleship group. You'll share insights from your personal study time with each other and explore different ways of living out what you're learning. Whether you have been a Christian for many years or you are desiring a fresh look at what it means to be a disciple, this workbook is an in-depth guide to what it means to follow King Jesus and to discover how to put that kind of life into practice.

The conversation begins, Romans 1:1-17 -- The human condition. Part one, Romans 1:18-32 -- The human condition. Part two, Romans 2:1-3:20 -- The divine remedy in relation to the law, Romans 3:21-4:25 -- The ground of future hope, Romans 5:1-11 -- The human condition and its antidote, Romans 5:12-21 -- In Christ the power of sin is broken, Romans 6:1-7:6 -- The role of the law and the divine remedy, Romans 7:7-8:17 -- The future hope, Romans 8:18-39 -- The problem of Israel's unbelief and God's faithfulness, Romans 9-11 -- How slaves of righteousness behave. Part one, Romans 12:1-13:14 -- How slaves of righteousness behave. Part two, Romans 14:1-15:13 -- Making the most of an ending, Romans 15:14-16:27.

From master-expositor and Bible teacher John MacArthur, a revelatory exploration of what the apostle Paul actually taught about the good news of Jesus The apostle Paul penned a number of very pithy, focused passages in his letters to the early church that summarize the gospel message in just a few well-chosen words. Each of these key texts has a unique emphasis highlighting some essential aspect of the Good News. The chapters in this revelatory new book closely examine those vital gospel texts, one verse at a time. John MacArthur, host of the popular media ministry Grace to You, president of the Master's University and Seminary, and longtime pastor at Grace Community Church, tackles such questions as, What is the gospel? What are the essential elements of the message? How can we be certain we have it right? And how should Christians be proclaiming the Good News to the world? As always, the answers John MacArthur gives are clear, compelling, well-reasoned, easy to grasp, and above all, thoroughly biblical. The Gospel According to Paul is written in a style that is easily accessible to lay people, including those who know very little about the Bible, while being of great value to seasoned pastors and experienced ministers.

In his epistles, Paul at various points uses maternal imagery to talk about his apostolic labors, sometimes actually referring to himself as a mother. For example, Paul writes that he must behave "like a nurse caring for her own children." Later, he writes, he "is in labor again" and must continue to nurse his fellow Christians with milk. These images, though known among earlier generations of Christians, today remain largely both unacknowledged and unexplored in thinking about Paul and his work. In Our Mother Saint Paul, Beverly Gaventa retrieves these images, explores their significance for understanding apostolic ministry, and demonstrates how they point beyond their original contexts and offer unique perspectives for understanding Paul's thought as well as the larger, cosmic understanding of the gospel.

The King Jesus Gospel

A Church Called Tow

The Blue Parakeet, 2nd Edition

A Novel

Historiography, the Historical Jesus, and Atonement Theory

The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to The Romans

Evaluating Empire in New Testament Studies

Teaching Romans Backwards is a study guide to Scot McKnight's Reading Romans Backwards that helps teachers and students work through the McKnight's text in an engaging and interactive way. Becky Castle Miller has carefully created and designed a range of learning activities, from simple to complex, for all levels of students and all learning styles. Originally designed for a fifteen-week course, the guide can be easily condensed or expanded. Each lesson includes tasks and readings for the students to complete before class, in class instructions and lesson plans, and a peek into the lesson for the following week. The appendices contain additional materials, including quiz and essay

questions, that help instructors turn their exploration of Reading Romans Backwards from a discussion to a more standard course. Available for order in paperback and free download on the Baylor University Press website, this guide allows readers to experience Romans in a whole new light. Teaching Romans Backwards seeks to bring Romans to life in all contexts and for all people.

Paul wrote this letter to the Roman Christians to win their financial support for a new stage in his mission. How could an Apostle--unknown by sight to the Roman believers--recommend himself, except by sharing his understanding of how God was at work through the Good News that Paul proclaimed to Jews and Gentiles? Romans starts with a practical goal and becomes a theological masterpiece of great historical importance and of enduring significance to all believers in the One God. The fresh reading of Romans by a Catholic scholar pays close attention to Paul's theological argument as it unfolds. The commentary includes several distinctive features. Johnson shows how Paul understands "righteousness by faith" as the faith of the human person Jesus, how "salvation" means inclusion in God's people, and how the work of the Holy Spirit transforms human consciousness so that believers can share with each other the faith and the love shown them by Jesus--from back cover.

Proposes an innovative New Perspective reading of Romans emphasizing the ecclesiological situation of the original addressees and Paul's pastoral response.

Paul was the most influential figure in the early Christian church. In this epistle, written to the founders of the church in Rome, he sets out some of his ideas on the importance of faith in overcoming mankind's innate sinfulness and in obtaining redemption. With an introduction by Ruth Rendell

The Gospel According to Paul

A Fellowship of Differents

Rethinking How You Read the Bible

A Literary and Theological Commentary

A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary

Paul and the Marginalized

Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes

Walter Rauschenbusch (1861 - 1918) was a Christian theologian, Baptist pastor, and a leader of the Social Gospel movement. In A Theology for the Social Gospel, published the year before his death, Rauschenbusch offered a A Theology for the Social Gospel (1917), Rauschenbusch takes up the task of laying a theological foundation for the nascent movement.

The relationship between biblical studies and theology is often marked by misunderstandings, methodological differences, and cross-discipline tension.

With an irenic spirit as well as honesty about differences that remain, New Testament scholar Scot McKnight highlights five things he wishes theologians knew about biblical studies so that these disciplines might once again serve the church hand in hand.

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

This book is at the interface between Visual Studies and Biblical Studies, and is the only monograph to date on St Paul's visual piety. It argues that the history of biblical scholarship is marked by a tendency to downplay this-worldly visuality in Christian culture, and that the exegesis of Paul is both a partial cause and a symptom of this 'disciplinary blind-spot'. By comparing Paul's presentation of the themes of 'metamorphosis' and 'beholding' in Romans and 2 Corinthians with visual practices in neighbouring Jewish and Greco-Roman cultures, it argues that Paul did develop a distinctive and significant Christian visual piety. His Christian visual practices owed most to his Jewish background, but they were quickly taken up by pagan converts who drew on Greco-Roman visual assumptions in interpreting and communicating them.

Finding Your Place in God's Story

Reading Romans Backwards

Jesus and His Death

Teaching Romans Backwards

Paul

Indebted Love

Reading Romans

As Paul's Epistle to the Romans comes to an end in Chapters 12-16, we are offered fascinating insights into the everyday life of the church to whom Paul writes, and essential contextual details which

shed light on the rest of the epistle. But the rest of the letter is so notoriously dense that these vital details are often missed, and the earlier chapters are read as if they were merely written for theology lecturers to expound rather than for the local church to ingest. In *Reading Romans Backwards*, renowned New Testament scholar Scot McKnight demonstrates that fresh light can be thrown on Chapters 1-11 by first taking a deep look at Chapters 12-16. Reading the letter in this new way, McKnight explores how Romans offers a message of deep reconciliation and living in fellowship as siblings - a message of vital relevance to today's church.

Recent scholarship on the historical Jesus has rightly focused upon how Jesus understood his own mission. But no scholarly effort to understand the mission of Jesus can rest content without exploring the historical possibility that Jesus envisioned his own death. In this careful and far-reaching study, Scot McKnight contends that Jesus did in fact anticipate his own death, that Jesus understood his death as an atoning sacrifice, and that his death as an atoning sacrifice stood at the heart of Jesus' own mission to protect his own followers from the judgment of God.

For Paul, the gospel message is simple, yet profound: Be subject to God. But, subjection for Paul means recognizing that the gift of God to one is the capacity to acknowledge and appreciate the gift of God in another. Paul argues that God's reconciling work in the world is manifest through the process of all people (Jews and Gentiles) understanding themselves in a mutually indebted relationship with each other. The power of the gospel, according to Paul, empowers these groups to function out of a mutually indebted mindset and enables them to discern and demonstrate the good, perfect, and acceptable will of God. In establishing his argument Paul gives considerable attention to *hypotassō* (subjection), *dokimazō* (discern), *phronēma/phroneō* (mindset/way of thinking), and *metamorphomai* (transform) as key theological concepts. In this light, Monya Stubbs analyzes the ways in which Paul speaks about subjection, engages in reflection, and exhorts his readers to transformation--a type of transformation necessary for those to whom he exhorts to walk in the nearness of God's salvation power. Focusing on these categories, Stubbs helps us recognize the ways in which the text explores ideological systems of convictions and their implications for human relationships.

The author of *The Jesus Dynasty* draws on St. Paul's letters and other early sources to reveal the apostles' sharply competing ideas about the significance of Jesus and His teachings while controversially demonstrating how St. Paul independently shaped Christianity as it is known today. 75,000 first printing.

Reading Romans in Pompeii

Our Mother Saint Paul

Embracing the Good News at the Heart of Paul's Teachings

Christ-Centered Worship

Authorized King James Version

Paul's Letter to the Romans

The God Who Is There

To read Romans from beginning to end, from letter opening to final doxology, is to retrace the steps of Paul. To read Romans front to back was what Paul certainly read Romans forward may have kept the full message of Romans from being perceived. Reading forward has led readers to classify Romans as abstract and systematic letter unstained by real pastoral concerns. But what if a different strategy were adopted? Could it be that the secret to understanding the relationship between the text to unlocking Romans, is to begin at the letter's end? Scot McKnight does exactly this in *Reading Romans Backwards*. McKnight begins with Romans 12-16, foregrounding the issues that beleaguered the house churches in Rome. Beginning with the end places readers right in the middle of a community deeply divided between the strong and the weak, and in on their position. The strong assert social power and privilege, while the weak claim an elected advantage in Israel's history. Continuing to work in reverse, McKnight explores the big themes of Romans 9-11--God's unfailing, but always surprising, purposes and the future of Israel--to reveal Paul's specific and pastoral message for both the weak and the strong in Rome. Finally, McKnight shows how the widely regarded universal sinfulness of Romans 1-4, which is so often read as simply an abstract soteriological scheme, applied to the rhetorical character's sinfulness and has a polemical challenge. Romans 5-8 equally levels the ground with the assertion that both groups, once trapped in a world of sin, flesh, and systemic evil, can now live a life in the Spirit. In Paul's letter, no one gets off the hook but everyone is offered God's grace. *Reading Romans Backwards* places Paul's letter in the front room of every Roman house church. It focuses all of Romans--Paul's apostleship, God's faithfulness, and Christ's transformation of humanity--on achieving peace and reconciliation among all people, both strong and weak. McKnight shows that Paul's letter to the Romans offers a sustained lesson on peace, teaching applicable to all divided churches in the modern world.

First-rate scholars and preachers on four interpretive approaches to Paul and Romans Pauline scholarship is a minefield of differing schools of thought. Those who try to understand Paul can quickly get lost in the weeds of the various perspectives. How, then, can pastors today best preach Paul's message? Scot McKnight and Joseph B. Modica offer a stellar one-stop guide exploring four major interpretive perspectives on the apostle Paul: Reformational, New, Apocalyptic, and Participationist. First elucidated by a scholar, each perspective is then illuminated by three sermons expositing various passages from Paul's magisterial letter to the Romans. Coming from such leading figures as James Dunn, Fleming Rutledge, and Tom Schreiner, these essays and sermons splendidly demonstrate how each perspective on Paul brings valuable insights for preaching. [Table of Contents] Introduction Interpretive Perspectives on the Apostle Paul 1. Romans and the "Lutheran" Paul: Stephen Westerholm 2. Romans and the New Perspective: Scot McKnight 3. Romans and the Apocalyptic Reading of Paul: Douglas A. Campbell 4. Romans and the Participationist Perspective: Michael J. Gorman Preaching Romans: 5. Reformational Perspective 5. Romans as Ecclesial Theology: Building Multiethnic Missional Churches: Michael F. Bird 6. God Justifies the Ungodly: Romans 4:1-8: Tom Schreiner 7. The Transforming Reality of Justification by Faith: Romans 5:1-5: Carl R. Trueman New Perspective 8. The Balance of Already/Not Yet: Romans 8:1-17: James Dunn 9. This Changes Everything: Romans 5:12-21: Tara Beth Leach 10. Pass the Peace by Faith: Romans 4:1-4, 13-17: Scot McKnight Apocalyptic Perspective 11. Im

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A. Katherine Grieb insightfully traces the argument of Paul's letter to the Romans and shows how it is grounded in the story of God's faithfulness to Israel. She draws
number of crucial insights: the narrative character of Paul's thought, the apocalyptic message of his gospel, the depth of his engagement with Israel's Scripture, and
political impact of his theology. She demonstrates the letter's relevance today and invites contemporary readers to locate their own stories within Paul's account of
Informed by recent Pauline scholarship, this book will be useful to scholars, students, and pastors.

What is the way forward for the church? Tragically, in recent years, Christians have gotten used to revelations of abuses of many kinds in our most respected churches
Creek to Harvest, from Southern Baptist pastors to Sovereign Grace churches. Respected author and theologian Scot McKnight and former Willow Creek member Larry
wrote this book to paint a pathway forward for the church. We need a better way. The sad truth is that churches of all shapes and sizes are susceptible to abuses
and spiritual abuse. Abuses occur most frequently when Christians neglect to create a culture that resists abuse and promotes healing, safety, and spiritual growth.
these devastating events from repeating themselves? We need a map to get us from where we are today to where we ought to be as the body of Christ. That map
beautiful little Hebrew word in Scripture that we translate "good," the word tov. In this book, McKnight and Barringer explore the concept of tov—unpacking its richness
can help Christians and churches rise up to fulfill their true calling as imitators of Jesus.

Figural Christology and the Fourfold Gospel Witness

A Gospel in Search of Peace in the Midst of the Empire

The Cambridge Companion to the Gospels

The State of New Testament Studies

The Story of Romans

The Metamorphosis of the Beholder

**Peter Oakes combines archaeology and biblical studies to give the reader a fresher, deeper understanding of Paul's letter to the Romans. An investigation of the archaeological
evidence from Pompeii helps us to think about the ways in which Paul's letter may have been understood by different people -- such as a slave girl, a cabinet-maker-cum-surgeon and
an educated slave concubine -- might have understood Paul's letter when they first heard it.**

**It can no longer be assumed that most people--or even most Christians--have a basic understanding of the Bible. Many don't know the difference between the Old and New Testament,
and even the more well-known biblical figures are often misunderstood. It is getting harder to talk about Jesus accurately and compellingly because listeners have no proper context
with which to understand God's story of redemption. In this basic introduction to faith, D. A. Carson takes seekers, new Christians, and small groups through the big story of
Scripture. He helps readers to know what they believe and why they believe it. The companion leader's guide helps evangelistic study groups, small groups, and Sunday school classes
make the best use of this book in group settings.**

**This book surveys the current landscape of New Testament studies, offering readers a concise guide to contemporary discussions. Bringing together a diverse group of experts, it covers
research on the most important issues in New Testament studies, including new discipline areas, making it an ideal supplemental textbook for a variety of courses on the New
Testament. Michael Bird, David Capes, Greg Carey, Lynn Cohick, Dennis Edwards, Michael Gorman, and Abson Joseph are among the contributors.**

Resisting Empire, Demanding Justice

Romans

How the Apostle Transformed Christianity

Five Things Biblical Scholars Wish Theologians Knew

Showing the World God's Design for Life Together

The Jesus Creed