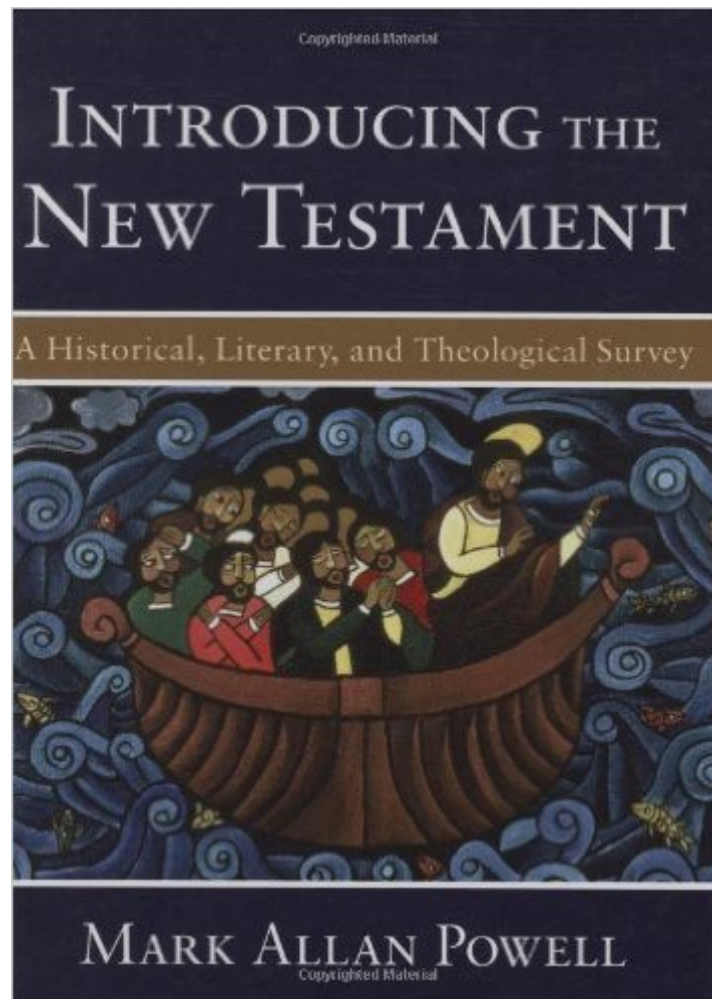


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# Introducing The New Testament: A Historical, Literary, And Theological Survey





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This beautifully written and engaging survey offers an up-to-date New Testament introduction for undergraduate students and general readers. Powell presents disputed and controversial issues fairly, neither dictating conclusions nor privileging skepticism over faith-based perspectives. The book is written in a lively and engaging style and includes helpful sidebars, maps, tables, charts, glossary, diagrams, and suggestions for further reading. In addition, this full-color book includes beautiful artwork illustrating the reception of the New Testament through various times and cultures. A companion Web site through Baker Academic's Textbook eSources features a video introduction from the author and a wealth of additional resources for students and instructors. Resources for students include introductory videos, chapter summaries, chapter objectives, study questions, flash cards, extra sidebars and charts, self quizzes, and bibliographies. Resources for professors include discussion prompts, pedagogical suggestions, PowerPoint outlines, and a test/quiz bank.

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We used this book as a supplement to a graduate level NT class. Powell does a wonderful job of presenting both conservative and liberal points of view on issues in the NT, without his own prejudices creeping in. His information is well-researched and accurate. Each chapter gives a quick overview of a NT book, background/history of the author and time, and presents the major themes found in the NT book. Powell's writing style is fluid and approachable, which makes the book a joy



to read (yes... even for a 'textbook'). Readers of all backgrounds and education levels will get much from this read. Highly recommend.

We are using this book in a bible study at our church. It has been an excellent resource both for the veterans of many years of bible study and for those just beginning. Each chapter is a complete treatment of its subject without being overwhelming. The artwork (ranging from the Great Masters to He Qi) is gorgeous. The supplemental materials both in the text and on the website for the text are so helpful in teaching and are available as (pdf) handouts for those who want more in-depth information. As a teacher I love it, and my students have all prized it as a great companion to reading the New Testament.

Dr. Mark Allan Powell has produced an excellent textbook for undergraduate college courses or in our case, for an 8-month, adult, once-a-week forum with our pastor that is about an hour and fifteen minutes long. The chapter lengths are about right. We read one chapter a week and read the Bible passages that go with the chapter before class. Dr. Powell's voice is very much in evidence, so that you have the feeling you are in the classroom with him as you read the book. He takes a fascinating approach to the subject of the New Testament, giving various theories and approaches. Dr. Powell is professor of New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio and co-author of *Opening the Book of Faith: Lutheran Insights for Bible Study* (Augsburg Fortress, 2008) and several articles. He has a real sense of humor which helps you remember various aspects of the New Testament.

This book is the perfect combination of scholarly acumen and integrity, economy and clarity for a non-professional audience. It is a dream to use as a textbook in a classroom. The online resources present a perfect platform for further study as student interest arises.

Perfect for me, that is. It met my needs and expectations exactly, and I could not be more pleased with this textbook, though I bought it not as a formal student but as a lay person wanting a richer understanding of the New Testament and its parts. Powell provides helpful background and introduction to the NT as a whole, introductions to the several categories of NT literature (gospels, Paul's letters, etc.), and introductions to each book in the NT. While his background and convictions appear to be on the evangelical spectrum, his information is balanced and inclusive of a variety of scholarly opinions. Though I am a life-long student of the NT, his book has enriched my



understanding greatly. I could not be more pleased.

Well-written history of the Bible and the church. Powell presents the information fairly and without bias. I used this book for a college course 3 years ago and have kept it because it is a great reference to have when reading through the New Testament. I would recommend this book to anyone - Christian or not - who is interested in learning more about the Bible from an objective standpoint.

This is a great textbook to help anyone come to a better understanding of the New Testament. My husband and I are Christian Ministry majors at a local college and this was the required text for our New Testament Literature class. We are so pleased with the layout, design and easy reading that we have decided to use it to teach our children, who are homeschooled, about the Bible (especially our son who has desired to be a minister since he was about five years old). If you want a more understanding of the New Testament, this book is the one to help you. The chapters in this book coincide with the chapters in the Bible, but the design is such that you can study in any order...just like the Bible. It would be awesome if the publisher developed an equal for the Old Testament.

This is an excellent textbook on the New Testament. It thoroughly covers the scripture and the historical perspectives. It is thoughtfully and interestingly written. I wish more Biblical textbooks were like this.

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