

Introduction to the New Testament (HPRS4904)

Bibliography: General

You might find it useful to read or even purchase one of the general textbooks listed below (particularly those in blue font) and then refer to some of the others for a different perspective on particular issues. For accessible and reasonably priced textbooks, the two volumes by Ian Boxall (*SCM Study Guide: New Testament Interpretation*; *SCM Study Guide: The Books of the New Testament*) are highly recommended.

Achtemeier, P.J., Green, J.B., Thompson, M.M., *Introducing the New Testament: Its Literature and Theology*, Grand Rapids/Cambridge: W.B. Eerdmans, 2001.

Adopts a literary and historical approach to the New Testament.

Boxall, I., *SCM Study Guide: New Testament Interpretation*, London: SCM, 2007.

Excellent basic textbook for level 1 students.

Boxall, I., *SCM Study Guide: The Books of the New Testament*, London: SCM, 2007.

A companion volume which focuses on the individual NT writings.

Brown, R.E., *An Introduction to the New Testament*, New York: Doubleday, 1997.

A thorough introduction by a well-known Catholic biblical scholar.

Burkett, D., *An Introduction to the New Testament and the Origins of Christianity*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.

A basic introduction that covers most topics.

Chilton, B., *Beginning New Testament Study*, London: SPCK, 1986.

Already twenty years old, but still an excellent introduction to the various methods in NT study.

Davies, W.D., *Invitation to the New Testament*, Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1993 (reprint).

A classic introduction to the New Testament writings.

Johnson, L.T., *The Writings of the New Testament: An Interpretation*, London: SCM, 1999.

A very substantial study of the individual writings; it largely adopts a literary approach.

Powell, M.A. (ed.), *The New Testament Today*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1999.

This volume gives a clear overview of current scholarship on the New Testament.

Rowland, C., *Christian Origins*, London: SPCK, 1985.

An excellent study of early Christianity within the context of first-century Judaism.

Schweizer, E., *A Theological Introduction to the New Testament*, Nashville: Abingdon, 1991.

As the title suggests, this volume focuses on the theology of the New Testament writings.

Theissen, G., *The New Testament*, London: T & T Clark, 2003.

A very accessible introduction by a leading NT scholar.

Useful Websites:

<http://www.anova.org/sev/atlas/htm/> Bible Atlas Online - variable but a good site for those of you who like maps.

<http://www.ntimages.com/> Well-known for its excellent collection of pictures of artefacts etc.