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This dissertation analyses and evaluates the interpretive issues which have influenced the interpretation of Matthew's Judgment of the Sheep and Goats (Matt 25:31-46). The first chapter summarizes 18 interpretations of Matt 25:31-46 drawn from the reading perspectives of scholars who represent distinct approaches to interpretation from ancient to post-modern times. This chapter demonstrates how these commentators' opinions about the locus of meaning affected their interpretations of Matt 25:31-46. Chapters 2, 3, and 4 list and discuss the many other interpretive issues that have influenced the interpretation of Matt 25:31-46.

Chapter 2 explains the relevance of theories which have been adopted concerning the author's identity and life setting. Chapter 3 discusses the interpretive issues that are related to the wording of the text and its relation to other texts both inside and outside of Matthew's Gospel. Chapter 4 discusses the interpretive issues that are related to the proper identification of the genre of Matt 25:31-46 as well as those issues related to the rhetorical structure of the passage and its relation to the broader lines of argument in the balance of the Gospel. Chapter 5 evaluates all of the interpretive issues listed in chapters 2, 3, and 4 from a reading perspective that recognizes the locus of meaning in the author's intention. This chapter opens with a "working" description of the author and his life setting. The balance of the chapter evaluates each interpretive issue in the

light of this working description of the author. The chapter concludes that this author would have intended the passage primarily to console the missionary disciples who were facing neglect and persecution in their obedience to the Great Commission (Matt 28:19-20). The "least" in 25:40 and 45 were therefore primarily intended to refer to the disciples, especially in their missionary capacity. A secondary intention may well have been a warning to other Christians to practice ... [Introducing the New Testament](#) John Wiley & Sons

Most evangelical Christians believe that those people who are not saved before they die will be punished in hell forever. But is this what the Bible truly teaches? Do Christians need to rethink their understanding of hell? In the late twentieth century, a growing number of evangelical theologians, biblical scholars,

and philosophers began to reject the traditional doctrine of eternal conscious torment in hell in favor of a minority theological perspective called conditional immortality. This view contends that the unsaved are resurrected to face divine judgment, just as Christians have always believed, but due to the fact that immortality is only given to those who are in Christ, the unsaved do not exist forever in hell. Instead, they face the punishment of the "second death"--an end to their conscious existence. This volume brings together excerpts from a variety of well-respected evangelical thinkers, including John Stott, John Wenham, and E. Earl Ellis, as they articulate the biblical, theological, and philosophical arguments for conditionalism. These readings will give thoughtful Christians strong evidence that there are indeed compelling reasons for rethinking hell.

The Matthean Parables Thomas Nelson
An accessible introduction to the New Testament, offering up-to-date historical-critical scholarship and diverse critical perspectives The New Testament: A Contemporary Introduction presents a concise account of the emergence of Jesus traditions in the broader context of ancient Mediterranean history. Incorporating established historical approaches and alternative academic analyses, this innovative textbook helps students understand the historical and political contexts of the authors and their audiences, and how different social identities and lived experiences influenced the formation of the Bible and its later interpretations. Accomplished scholar Colleen Conway emphasizes the cultural and literary context of the New Testament while drawing from historical, postcolonial, gender, feminist, and intersectional analyses of biblical texts. Throughout the book, students explore how issues of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and power dynamics contributed to the production of the New Testament texts and continue to inform their interpretation in the 21st century. Through twelve chronologically organized chapters, this book examines Paul's mission to the Gentiles, unity and conflict in Paul's communities, the four Gospel narratives, the Revelation to John, Hebrews, 1 Peter, the New Testament canon, early Christian writings, and more. The New Testament: A Contemporary Introduction: Provides an up-to-date introduction to historical and critical methods and central questions in the field Helps students contextualize the different writings of the New Testament as part of the Mediterranean world of the first century, for example exploring how

Roman Imperial rule and social stratification affected the authors of New Testament texts Discusses how ideas about gender and race affect the meaning and application of New Testament texts Features "Contemporary Voices" sections highlighting the work of modern New Testament scholars Includes numerous pedagogical tools such as chapter review questions, key term lists, suggested readings, a timeline, maps, illustrations, photographs, a glossary, and much more Designed for undergraduate students with varying levels of biblical knowledge, The New Testament: A Contemporary Introduction is an ideal textbook for one-semester religious studies courses on the Bible, the New Testament, or early Christianity, as well as undergraduate and graduate students in history, sociology and philosophy.

OCR GCSE Religious Studies: Christianity, Islam and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics in the Modern World from a Christian Perspective Langham Publishing

Living a holy life in an unholy world can seem a formidable challenge. Through daily renewal in the Word of God, *A Woman's Guide to Personal Holiness* offers a Scriptural blueprint for holy living. This topical workbook Bible study contains 12 weekly lessons that take women through the Old and New Testaments with a personal challenge for a Christlike lifestyle. Matthew Bloomsbury Publishing
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.

Seeing Jesus USCCB Publishing
Explore a timely introduction to the formation of the Bible in its historical and modern contexts In the newly revised Second Edition of *A Contemporary Introduction to the Bible: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts*, accomplished scholars and authors Colleen M. Conway and David M. Carr deliver a rigorous, accessible, and up-to-date introduction to the Bible. The textbook places the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament in the broader context of world history, with a special focus on the empires that

influenced the Bible's formation. Readers are introduced to the academic study of the Bible through a range of scholarly approaches. Readers benefit from the inclusion of: A thorough introduction to the Bible in its ancient contexts, from the emergence of Israel's earliest traditions to the writing and reshaping of the Bible amidst Assyrian Babylonian, Persian, Hellenistic and Roman empires. The most up-to-date work in the field, seamlessly integrated into every chapter A wealth of pedagogical features including study questions, bibliographies, timelines, and illustrations An unparalleled coverage of both fundamental topics and cutting-edge issues, resulting in a truly outstanding textbook. Perfect for undergraduate and graduate students studying religion, history, sociology, and philosophy, *A Contemporary Introduction to the Bible: Sacred Texts and Imperial Contexts*, Second Edition will also earn a place in the libraries of religious scholars and researchers seeking a one-stop reference to the Bible in its ancient and modern context.

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A Gospel for a New People Langham Publishing

This book thoroughly examines Matthew's gospel. It discusses appropriate methods for interpretation and considers in detail the gospel's origin, purpose, and social setting. Graham Stanton claims that Matthew wrote the Gospel following a period of prolonged bitter disputes with fellow Jews. With considerable literary, catechetical, and pastoral skill the evangelist composed a gospel for a new people (both Jews and Gentiles) in a cluster of Christian communities. Dividing

his book into three sections, Stanton discusses redaction critical, literary critical, and social scientific approaches to the interpretation of Matthew; he confirms that Matthew's Gospel was shaped by the "parting of the ways" with Judaism; and he includes two essays on the Sermon on the Mount and one on Matthew's use of the Old Testament.

Miserere Mei Canongate U.S.

Politicians and pundits regularly invoke the Bible in social and political debates on a host of controversial social and political issues, including: abortion, stem-cell research, gay marriage, the death penalty, separation of church and state, family values, climate change, income distribution, teaching evolution in schools, taxation, school prayer, aid for the poor, and immigration. But is the Bible often used out of context in these major debates? This book includes essays by fourteen biblical scholars who examine the use of the Bible in political debates, uncovering the original historical contexts and meanings of the biblical verses that are commonly cited. The contributors take a non-confessional approach, rooted in non-partisan scholarship, to show how specific texts have at times been distorted in order to support particular views. At the same time, they show how the Bible can sometimes make for unsettling reading in the modern day. The key questions remain: What does the Bible really say? Should the Bible be used to form public policy?

Homiletical Theology BRILL

DISCIPLE IV: Under the Tree of Life, is the final study in the four-phase DISCIPLE program and is prepared for those who have completed Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. The study concentrates on the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation. Emphasis on the Psalms as Israel's hymnbook and prayer book leads naturally to an emphasis on worship in the study. Present through the entire study is the sense of living toward completion – toward the climax of the message and the promise, extravagantly pictured in Revelation. The image of the tree and the color gold emphasize the prod and promise in the Scriptures for DISCIPLE IV: Under the Tree of Life. The word under in the title is meant to convey invitation, welcome, sheltering, security, and rest – home at last. Commitment and Time Involved 32 week study three and one-half to four hours of independent study each week (40 minutes daily for leaders and 30 minutes daily for group members) in preparation for weekly group meetings.

Attendance at weekly 2.5 hour meetings. Teacher Helps The Teacher Helps provides an outline for an orientation session and process suggestions for each of the weekly group sessions. It does not contain new or additional content for the leader to present to the group. A one-page teaching plan is provided for each session. Weekly group sessions follow a set pattern, with designated amounts of time for each step. Suggestions for group activity are specific and clearly related to the Scripture being studied. Ample questions for use in discussion are included. The leader both guides the process and participates in all small-group activities in the weekly group session. Leaders will find detailed information and instructions on making necessary arrangements for and preparing group members to participate in three potentially life-changing experiences at the conclusion of Under the Tree of Life – a video-led worship experience of the book of Revelation in Session 31 and a service of foot washing and a service of Holy Communion in Session 32. In the front of the teacher helps is a section of general information on effectively using the study manual, preparing to lead the weekly group meeting, following the proper schedule and procedure, tips for leading discussion, and suggestions for creating and maintaining a caring climate in the study group. Process suggestions in the teacher helps enable full participation by all members of the group as a result of disciplined daily study. A one-page plan for each of the weekly group sessions follows an established schedule and procedure, with an amount of time designated for each section in the plan. Each session plan includes suggestions for group study of a selected passage of Scripture.

The Gospel According to John Abingdon Press

In *Miserere Mei*, Clare Costley King'oo examines the critical importance of the Penitential Psalms in England between the end of the fourteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth century. During this period, the Penitential Psalms inspired an enormous amount of creative and intellectual work: in addition to being copied and illustrated in Books of Hours and other prayer books, they were expounded in commentaries, imitated in vernacular translations and paraphrases, rendered into lyric poetry, and even modified for singing. *Miserere Mei* explores these numerous transformations in materiality and genre. Combining the resources of close literary analysis with those of the history of the book, it reveals not only that the Penitential Psalms lay at the heart of Reformation-age debates over

the nature of repentance, but also, and more significantly, that they constituted a site of theological, political, artistic, and poetic engagement across the many polarities that are often said to separate late medieval from early modern culture. *Miserere Mei* features twenty-five illustrations and provides new analyses of works based on the Penitential Psalms by several key writers of the time, including Richard Maidstone, Thomas Brampton, John Fisher, Martin Luther, Sir Thomas Wyatt, George Gascoigne, Sir John Harington, and Richard Verstegan. It will be of value to anyone interested in the interpretation, adaptation, and appropriation of biblical literature; the development of religious plurality in the West; the emergence of modernity; and the periodization of Western culture. Students and scholars in the fields of literature, religion, history, art history, and the history of material texts will find *Miserere Mei* particularly instructive and compelling.

Holy Bible (NIV) Wipf and Stock Publishers

The Asia Bible Commentary series empowers Christian believers in Asia to read the Bible from within their respective contexts. Holistic in its approach to the text, each exposition of the biblical books combines exegesis and application. The ultimate goal is to strengthen the Body of Christ in Asia by providing pastoral and contextual exposition of every book of the Bible. The Great Commission is yet to be fulfilled. Asian churches, like Matthew's original audience, are encountering various challenges as they obey Jesus' last command in the First Gospel. The promise of the presence of God accompanies Jesus' command and in Matthew's narrative God's presence is seen powerfully in Jesus' life. Believers today can hold to the same promise, and this promise should be an encouragement to continue preaching God's kingdom.

The Gospel According to Matthew Rex Bookstore, Inc.

This full-color teacher's guide features 12 ready-to-use lesson plans that will bring vividly to life the limitless of God's mercy throughout Salvation History, while showing young people how to integrate the corporal and spiritual works of mercy into everything they believe and do as Catholics. Each self-contained lesson is teacher-written, classroom-tested, and scholar-reviewed, and provides an easier and more effective way to engage your students with God's mercy. To help you differentiate instruction, this guide includes lessons at three grade levels. Each lesson is clearly marked with an

intended audience and reading level. Based on the students you have from class to class and year to year, you can decide which resources to use with which students. Each lesson is designed in a flexible, modular format, and includes: Connections to the Catechism of the Catholic Church Learning goals and connections to the Catechism of the Catholic Church Biblical touchstones Comprehension and critical thinking questions Warm-up / bell work Main activity such as primary source analysis, role-playing, structured debate, and many others Homework and extension options Bulletin Board extension options for elementary lessons The veteran schoolteachers who wrote the twelve lessons included here know firsthand your needs in the classroom. Even the layflat binding makes it easy for you to photocopy all the provided handouts and activities. Lessons include: Unit One: God's Mercy Revealed in Salvation History Lesson 1: Understanding Mercy and Covenants Lesson 2: God's Mercy Revealed in the Covenant with Adam Lesson 3: God's Mercy in the Covenant with Noah Lesson 4: The Plan of Mercy Inaugurated: The Covenant with Abraham Lesson 5: God's Mercy Tested: The Covenant with Moses Lesson 6: God's Mercy Persists: The Covenant with David Lesson 7: God's Plan for Mercy Comes to Fulfillment: The New Covenant in Christ Unit Two: Experiencing and Living Mercy Lesson 8: Exploring the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy with Sacred Art Lesson 9: Introduction to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy Lesson 10: Jesus Teaches us How to Live the Works of Mercy Lesson 11: Mercy's Work of Showing God's Love Lesson 12: Saints of Mercy Appendix B: Teacher Toolkit: Special Projects for Entering into the Story of Salvation Includes 20 Saint Cards with short, engaging biographies of: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque St. Bernadette St. Catherine of Siena St. Peter Claver Servant of God Dorothy Day St. Vincent de Paul Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati St. Faustina St. Ignatius of Loyola Pope St. John Paul II St. Maximilian Kolbe St. Maria Goretti St. Martin of Tours Mary, Mother of Mercy St. Peter Nolasco St. Teresa of Avila St. Therese of Lisieux Bl. Miguel Pro St. John Vianney St. Francis Xavier

Rethinking Hell Zondervan

Matthew is the third volume in the forty-volume Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. This commentary, like each in the series, is designed to serve the church--through aid in preaching, teaching, study groups, and so forth--and demonstrate the continuing intellectual and practical viability of theological

interpretation of the Bible.

Matthew within Judaism University of Notre Dame Press

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" Using the parable of the last judgment (Matthew 25:35-45), Phyllis Vos Wezeman helps us recognize that people in need are not always remote from us. This resource offers sixty learning activities to help participants see Jesus by meeting the needs of those around them--the hungry, the thirsty, the estranged, the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned. The six chapters of Seeing Jesus each contain ten learning activities which explore one aspect of the chapter's theme. Each lesson plan is organized into three parts: Learn, Locate, and Lead. Learn presents a short description of the theme of the activity and describes what the students will do. Locate provides a list of supplies and preparations needed in order to present the learning experience. Lead details the directions for successfully guiding a group through the design. Although each lesson is related to the passage, Matthew 25:31-46, it is also organized around another story or verse from the Bible which further illustrates the specific topic. Sharing God's love was a task not only given to the disciples thousands of years ago, it is the responsibility of every Christian in any age. Seeing Jesus provides creative, concrete methods for responding to Jesus' commission. It once again challenges each and every learner with the question, "What will you do?" A great tool for whole family sessions - Perfect for Lent!

Gospel Principles Brazos Press

"The reader must understand is a more forceful translation of the words usually rendered ""let the reader understand"" in Mark 13:14. Translated this way, this volume's title stresses the importance of eschatology for Bible readers and theologians. Eschatology, the study of ""the last things,"" is central to New Testament studies and, indeed, is not without importance for the Old Testament. The Bible's eschatology and its place in Christian theology must therefore be taken very seriously. The essays in this volume, most of which were presented at the Tyndale Fellowship Triennial Conference 1997, offer new and important ideas and analysis. They cover five main areas--biblical theology, Old Testament, New Testament, Christian doctrine, and practical theology--and significant

contributions are made in each area "

Stories with Intent New Hope Publishers

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.

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

In this latest addition to the Two Horizons New Testament Commentary series, biblical scholar Jeannine Brown and theologian Kyle Roberts together illuminate the Gospel of Matthew for pastors, scholars, and serious students of Scripture. Including an original translation of the text along with section-by-section commentary, this volume features chapters on "thinking theologically with Matthew" about such themes as kingdom, Christology, the Holy Spirit, and discipleship. Brown and Roberts also offer constructive theological engagement with a number of contemporary viewpoints, including feminist, global, political, and ethical (post-Holocaust) perspectives. At once interdisciplinary and insightful, their commentary will appeal to a wide readership.

Matthew LIT Verlag Münster

Can an orthodox Christian, committed to the historic faith of the Church and the authority of the Bible, be a universalist? Is it possible to believe that salvation is found only by grace, through faith in Christ, and yet to maintain that in the end all people will be saved? Can one believe passionately in mission if one does not think that anyone will be lost forever? Could universalism be consistent with the teachings of the Bible? In *The Evangelical Universalist* the author argues that the answer is 'yes!' to all of these questions. Weaving together philosophical, theological, and biblical considerations, he seeks to show that being a committed universalist is consistent with the central teachings of the biblical texts and of historic Christian theology.

The Evangelical Universalist HarperCollins Christian Publishing

To Christians worldwide, the man Jesus of Nazareth is the centerpiece of history, the object of faith, hope, and worship. Even those who do not follow him admit the

vast influence of his life. For anyone interested in knowing more about Jesus, study of the four biblical Gospels is essential. *Four Portraits, One Jesus* is a thorough yet accessible introduction to these documents and their subject, the life and person of Jesus. Like different artists rendering the same subject using different styles and points of view, the Gospels

paint four highly distinctive portraits of the same remarkable Jesus. With clarity and insight, Mark Strauss illuminates these four books, first addressing their nature, origin, methods for study, and historical, religious, and cultural backgrounds. He then moves on to closer study of each narrative and its contribution to our

understanding of Jesus, investigating things such as plot, characters, and theme. Finally, he pulls it all together with a detailed examination of what the Gospels teach about Jesus' ministry, message, death, and resurrection, with excursions into the quest for the historical Jesus and the historical reliability of the Gospels.

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