

THE COURSE TEACHING THE BIBLE RESOURCE GUIDE

This guide is intended to provide a basic introduction to important resources in the course of Teaching the Bible. Resources range from general reference tools to bibliographic citation style, and include information about searching Vanderbilt's library catalog [Acorn](#)—and the even more comprehensive catalogues such as [WorldCat](#) catalog and [ATLA](#)—more productively. Based on structure of class, the following subsections include practices of biblical interpretation (I), teaching the Bible (II), and Biblical Interpretation in congregational life (III).

PRACTICES OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (I)

A. CONCORDANCE, LEXICONS, AND PARALLELS/ SYNOPSES

Online Concordance

[Bible Study Tools on Crosswalk.com](http://bible.crosswalk.com) (<http://bible.crosswalk.com>)

Here one can look up verses and do searches on more translations including the NRSV. Other resources (not aimed at the academic, but often useful, e.g. concordances, dictionaries) are available at the same site. There is also an [Interlinear Bible](#) available, but you will need to download the BST fonts.

[Online Bible](http://www.onlinebible.org) (<http://www.onlinebible.org>)

There are a variety of Bible texts and tools in different languages to download here and to use in the free Online Bible program. You will need to download the program first and then the individual modules. Some of the modules are only available for purchase on the CD, but many are free. The site has separate portals for North American English, European English, Netherlands, Deutsch and Français.

Concordance - Greek

Concordance to the Novum Testamentum Graece of Nestle-Aland, 27th edition, and to the Greek New Testament, 3rd edition / H. Bachmann and W.A. Slaby, ed. 3rd ed. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1987 **BS2302 .C65**

Concordance - English

The analytical concordance to the New Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. / Richard E. Whitaker and John R. Kohlenberger III. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. **BS2305 .W45**

An exhaustive index to every occurrence of every significant word in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) New Testament. The “analytical” feature of the concordance is that it provides information about what word in the original Greek is being translated in each context. Similarly, readers are able to see how a particular English word is used to express a variety of Greek words.

Lexicon

Liddell, H. G., and Scott, R., eds. *A Greek-English Lexicon*. New edition revised and augmented in 2 vols. by H. S. Jones, et al. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1948. Covers both classical and Koine Greek. There is an abridged edition which the serious scholar cannot afford to substitute. **PA445 .E5 L6 1996**

Louw, J. P., and Nida, E. A., eds. *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domain*. 2 vols. New York: United Bible Societies, 1988. Introduction gives the rationale for the arrangement by semantic domain from the most general to the more specific terms; definitions and glosses are differentiated. Greek, English, and Scripture indices for quick search. **BS2312 .G744**

Parallels/ Synopses

Synopsis of the Four Gospels, Greek-English edition / Kurt Aland, ed. 6th ed. Stuttgart : United Bible Societies, 1983. **BS2560 .A58**

Gospel parallels / Burton H. Throckmorton, Jr., ed. 5th ed. Nashville : Nelson, 1992. **BS2560 .T48**

Pauline parallels / Fred O. Francis and J. Paul Sampley, ed. 2nd ed. Philadelphia : Fortress, 1984. **BS2643 .F7**

B. SELECTED SCHOLARLY LITERATURE ON LUKE

Bailey, Kenneth E. *Poet and Peasant and Through Peasant Eyes: A Literary-Cultural Approach to the Parables in Luke*. Grand Rapids, Mich. : Eerdmans, 1976. **BT375.2 .B23**

Bovon, Francois. *Luke 1: A Commentary on the Gospel of Luke 1:1-9:50*.
Minneapolis, MN : Fortress Press, 2002. **BS2595.53 .B6813**

Craddock, Fred B. *Luke* (Interpretation).
Louisville, Ky. : John Knox Press, 1990. **BS2595.3 .C73**

Esler, Philip Francis. *Community and Gospel in Luke-Acts: The Social and Political Motivations of Lucan Theology*.
Cambridge ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 1987. **BS2589 .E85**

Fitzmyer, Joseph. *Luke*, vols. 1, 2 (Anchor Bible Commentaries).
Garden City, N.Y. : Doubleday, 1981. **BS192.2 .A1**

Green, Joel B. *The Theology of the Gospel of Luke*.
Cambridge ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 1995. **BS2595.2 .G74**

Johnson, Luke Timothy. *The Gospel of Luke* (Sacra Pagina).
Collegeville, MN : Liturgical Press, 1991. **BS2595.3 .J64**

Levine, Amy-Jill (ed.), *A Feminist Companion to Luke*.
New York : London : Continuum, 2002. **BS2595.52 .F465**

Moessner, David P. *Lord of the Banquet: The Literary and Theological Significance of the Lukan Travel Narrative*.
Minneapolis : Fortress Press, 1989. **BS2595.2 .M62**

Moxnes, Halvor. *The economy of the Kingdom: Social Conflict and Economic Relations in Luke's Gospel*.
Philadelphia : Fortress Press, 1988. **BS2595.2 .M69**

Neyrey, Jerome H. (ed.), *Social World of Luke-Acts: Models for Interpretation*.
Peabody, MA : Hendrickson Publishers, 1991. **BS2589 .S63**

Powell, Mark Allan. *What are they saying about Luke?*
New York : Paulist Press, 1990. **BS2595.2 .P67**

Reid, Barbara. *Parables for Preachers: The Gospel of Luke.*
Collegeville, Minn. : Liturgical Press, 1999. **BT375.2 .R45**

Ringe, Sharon. *Luke.* Louisville, KY : Westminster John Knox Press, 1995.
BS2595.3 .R55

Seim, Turid Karlsen. *Double Message : patterns of gender in Luke-Acts.*
Nashville : Abingdon Press, 1994. **BS2589 .S456**

Tyson, Joseph B. and Richard P. Thompson, *Literary Studies in Luke-Acts.*
Macon, Ga. : Mercer University Press, 1998. **BS2589 .L58**

C. COMMENTARIES ON LUKE AND BEYOND

One volume

Global Bible Commentary/ Daniel Patte ; associate editors, Teresa Okure ... [et al.]. Nashville : Abingdon Press, 2004.
BS491.3 .G563 2004

The Oxford Bible Commentary/ John Barton and John Muddiman. Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press.
BS491.3 .O94 2001

Harper's Bible Commentary/ James L. May, ed. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1988. **BS491.2 .H37 2000**

The New Jerome Biblical Commentary / Raymond E. Brown et al. eds. London : Geoffrey Chapman, 1995.
BS491.2 .N485 1999

The Women's Bible Commentary / Carol A. Newsom & S. H. Ringe, eds. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1998.
BS491.2 .W66 1998

A Postcolonial Commentary on the New Testament Writings/ edited by Fernando F. Segovia and R.S. Sugirtharajah. London :
T & T Clark, 2007. **BS2331 .P67 2007**

Scholarly series: Divinity Reference Sub-Study 2.

Anchor Bible **BS192.2 .A1**

Hermeneia **BS1545.3 .Z5613**

International Critical Commentary **BS2715.53 .W557**

New International Commentary on the New Testament: the call numbers are varied.

New Interpreters Bible **BS491.2 .N484**

Sacra Pagina: the call numbers are varied.

TEACHING THE BIBLE (II)

Bracke, John M. *Teaching the Bible in the Church*. St. Louis, Mo. : Chalice Press, c2003. **BS600.3 .B72 2003**

West, Gerald O. *Reading Other-wise: Socially Engaged Biblical Scholars Reading with Their Local Communities*. Leiden ; Boston : Brill, **2007 BS511.3 .R425**

Scofield, Willard Arthur. *Teaching the Bible : Creative Techniques for Bringing Scripture to Life*. Valley Forge. PA : Judson Press, 1986. **BS600.2 .S33**

Roncace, Mark and Patrick Gray (eds). *Teaching the Bible through Popular Culture and the Arts*. Atlanta : Society of Biblical Literature, 2007 **BS600.3 .T43**

Roncace, Mark. *Teaching the Bible : Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Atlanta : Society of Biblical Literature, 2005. **BS1193 .T43**

Segovia, Fernando F. and Mary Ann Tolbert (eds). *Teaching the Bible : the Discourses and Politics of Biblical Pedagogy*. Maryknoll, N.Y. : Orbis Books, 1998, **BS600.2 .T44**

THE USE OF THE BIBLE IN CONGREGATIONAL LIFE (III)

Bartlett, David L. *Between the Bible and the Church : New Methods for Biblical Preaching*. Nashville, Tenn. : Abingdon Press, 1999. **BS534.5 .B36**

Bartholomew, Craig [et al.]. *A Royal Priesthood? : the Use of the Bible Ethically and Politically*. Carlisle, Cumbria : Paternoster Press ; Grand Rapids, Mich. : Zondervan, 2002. **BS680 .E84 R693**

Davison, James E. *This book we call the Bible : a study guide for adults*. Louisville, Ky. : Geneva Press, 2001.

González, Catherine Gunsalus. *How United Methodists study scripture?* Nashville : Abingdon Press, 1999.

Harrington, Daniel J. *How do Catholics read the Bible?* Lanham, Md. : Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005.

Johnston, Robert K (edit.). *The Use of the Bible in Theology/Evangelical Options*. Atlanta : John Knox Press, 1985. **BS538.3 .U84**

Fuller, Reginald H. *The Use of the Bible in Preaching*. Philadelphia : Fortress Press, 1981. **BS534.5 .F84**

Ogletree, Thomas W. *The Use of the Bible in Christian Ethics*. Philadelphia : Fortress Press, 1983. **BJ1275 .O38**

Rogerson, John W. and Margaret Davies & M. Daniel Carroll R. *The Bible in Ethics : the Second Sheffield Colloquium* Sheffield : Sheffield Academic Press, 1995. **BS680 .E84 B535**

*DATABASES FOR FINDING BOOKS AND ARTICLES

[The New Testament Gateway](#) This web directory provides internet resources on the New Testament.

For some research, you will want to find out broadly what has been published on a specific area of study. For monographic treatments of an area of interest, Vanderbilt's [Acorn](#) and the OCLC's [WorldCat](#) are the best places to start. (Where Acorn tells you what the Vanderbilt libraries own, WorldCat tells you what libraries around the world own.)

****GENERAL REFERENCE TOOLS**

All of the tools below include bibliography for further study. For more reference books, consult the [New Testament Programmatic Bibliography](#) (pdf).

Anchor Bible Dictionary (ABD)

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 2, **BS440 .A54 1992 v. 1-v. 6** (also available at workstations in the Divinity Library)

ABD includes encyclopedia entries on topics related to biblical and New Testament studies.

The Oxford Companion to the Bible

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 2, **BS440 .M434 1993**

This companion contains entries treating the formation, transmission, circulation, sociohistorical situation, interpretation, theology, uses, and influence of the Bible.

New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 2, **BS440 .N445 2006**

This dictionary treats diverse religious, geographical and cultural contexts.

The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 2, **BS417 .C735 1996**

*****THE ACORN CATALOG - SUBJECTS AND CALL NUMBERS**

More specific subjects will have their own call numbers. A cautionary note: books with more than one subject can only be located in one place so that it may not be placed on the shelves beside other books on the topic.

Standardized subject headings and call numbers are assigned to books and other material added to the library collection to describe and organize the intellectual content. Approaching a subject through the analytical logic of the catalog provides an efficient path to relevant material.

Example: Select a standard work from one of the reference tools above and search the title in Acorn. New Testament is not a subject heading used by our library or by most of the libraries in the United States. Examples of subject headings used for works in this area are:

- [Bible. N.T. Matthew \(or any individual biblical book\)](#)
- [Apocryphal books](#)
- [New Testament Greek](#)
- [New Testament Scholars](#)
- [Bible – Hermeneutics](#)
- [Bible – Study and Teaching](#)

More specific topics will have subject headings to reflect the specificity. A strategy for finding appropriate headings is to search the topic in the reference tools above and select a highly recommended source from the bibliography on the topic. Search the title in Acorn. The record's subject headings are hyperlinked to other titles with the same subject headings.

Example: 1) search the entry "Poor" in the Anchor Bible Dictionary 2) then select one of the materials from its bibliography such as *Good News to the Poor: Wealth and Poverty in Luke-Acts* (Minneapolis, Minn: Augsburg Pub. House, 1981) 3) go to the Acorn and search the title *Good News to the Poor: Wealth and Poverty in Luke-Acts* 4) the record will lead you to its subject headings such as "poor – biblical teaching," "wealth – biblical teaching," and "Bible NT Luke – criticism, interpretation, etc." 4) extend and/or limit your search through functional keys such as author, title, keyword, subject, etc.

The call number is another lead to related works and can be searched by browsing the shelves in reference or the stacks as well as an online call number search that allows you to browse books that are checked out or stored at the Annex. Call numbers for the New Testament are most often in the BS (Biblical Studies), BT (Theology), and PA (Greek Language and Lexicons) ranges.