

Catholic Institute of Biblical Literacy
Resources

Recommended LINKS

Scripture research requires tools such as biblical dictionaries, commentaries, scholarly texts, and translations. The link below provides a basic bibliography for any research and exegetical work as well as additional links to many sources for biblical studies. Its creator, Fr. Felix Just, S.J., is Director of Biblical Studies at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality.

<http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/index.html>

In the Greater Columbus area there are two primary theological libraries which could provide materials cited in the above bibliography:

Ohio Dominican University

<http://www.ohiodominican.edu/library>

Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus (TCGC)

<http://www.tcgcoho.org/>

While Ohio Dominican University houses a liberal arts library, the scripture section of its theology collection (both reference and general) is very good. As a member of OhioLink it has connections to many other collections around the state.

The Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus encompasses the libraries at three institutions: Pontifical College Josephinum, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, and Methodist Theological School in Ohio. All three of these theological libraries contain extensive biblical sections which can be searched through the one TCGC site.

The Consortium's library collections and resources support a variety of academic and degree programs with an emphasis in the major theological disciplines and pastoral praxis and ministry. Each library reflects its denominational affiliation as well as individual collection strengths. Methodist Theological School's holdings are especially rich in women's studies, feminist theology, black theology, religion in the English-speaking world, and counseling theory and practice; the Josephinum's in patristics, liturgical sources, spirituality, and philosophy; Trinity Lutheran's in Reformation and early modern history and theology, Hebrew Bible and New Testament commentary, Judaism and Holocaust studies.

The Consortium's library holdings number 400,000 book volumes, over 700 current periodical subscriptions, a large collection of audio-visual items, as well as bibliographic and full-text databases for theological research and teaching.; it is one of the largest such collections in the Midwest.

Textbooks used in CIBL

Course 1 Foundations for Biblical Interpretations in the Catholic Tradition

Catholic Study Bible (used in all courses)

New Jerome Bible Handbook (used in all courses)

The Scripture Documents: An Anthology of Official Catholic Teachings

The Jewish People and their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible

Course 2 Pentateuch

An Introduction to the Old Testament by Walter Brueggemann

Course 3 The Prophetic Writings and History of Israel

Fortress Introduction to the Prophets by Rodney Hutton

Course 4 Wisdom and Related Literature

The Wisdom Literature (Interpreting Biblical Texts Series) by Richard J. Clifford

Course 5 The Synoptic Gospels and Acts of the Apostles

Understanding the New Testament and its Message by Vincent Branick

Course 6 The Gospel of John, the Johannine Letters & The Book of Revelation

Understanding the New Testament and its Message by Vincent Branick

The Gospel of John and the Johannine Letters, Vol. 4, by Scott M. Lewis.

The Book of Revelation, Vol. 12, by Catherine Ann Cory.

Course 7 The Pauline Epistles

Understanding the New Testament and its Message by Vincent Branick

Rabbi Paul: an Intellectual Biography by Bruce Chilton

Course 8 The Final Seminar

Finding Your Bible: A Catholic Guide by Timothy Schehr

Biblical Fundamentalism: What Every Catholic Should Know by Ronald Witherup.

Instructor Choice

from Jim Grove

How Do Catholics Read the Bible? Fr. Dan Harrington. Sheed & Ward under Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005. ISBN #0-7425-4871-6.

This book provides a good summary of CIBL's overall goals. It includes chapters on: what Catholics believe about the Bible based in church documents; what is a Catholic Bible; how do Catholics approach and analyze the scripture; how we read the OT & NT; a sample of biblical interpretation and actualization.

Christ in the Gospels of the Liturgical Year. Raymond Brown with Ronald Witherup, ed. Liturgical Press, 2009. ISBN #0-8146-1860-8.

Over Brown's many years as a pre-eminent scripture scholar of the twentieth century he wrote much for the ordinary believer. One example was the six short volumes which used historical criticism to explore the Sunday gospels and their contemporary interpretation. These included: Coming at Advent, Adult Christ at Christmas, Crucified Christ in Holy Week, Risen Christ at Eastertime, Spirit at Pentecost, and Christ in Ordinary Time. These now are collected in one book with new introductory essays. Brown's down to earth, pastoral writing style gives great insights.

from Jay Jackson

Written That You May Believe: Encountering Jesus in the Fourth Gospel. Schneiders, Sandra M. New York: Crossroad Publishing, 1999.

Following an introduction to the world of the Gospel of John, Schneiders, an Immaculate Heart of Mary sister and professor at Berkeley's Jesuit School of Theology, presents seven encounters with Jesus drawn from gospel narratives. Readers are invited to imagine themselves in these moments and experience a deeper belief in Jesus within the community of faith.

The Greco-Roman World of the New Testament Era. Jeffers, James. Downers Grove IL: InterVarsity, 1999.

The books of the New Testament were written in a particular political and social environment. Having an understanding of that world where the Roman emperor was proclaimed "Lord" and social class defined how one lived and died helps us get hold of the meaning of the NT "on the ground". Jeffers brings that world to life in a way that is both scholarly and entirely accessible.