



IONA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

Gospel of Matthew

Gospel of Luke

First Year

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STUDY GUIDE

Read pp.210-303 in David A. DeSilva, *An Introduction to the New Testament: Contexts, Methods, and Ministry Formation*. Second Edition. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2018.

While the Gospels themselves should be the focus of your study and attention, the readings from DeSilva will help you develop frameworks for understanding and attending to the details of the Gospels and the distinctiveness of each one, arising from their specific historical circumstances and contexts. Therefore, the best method of study will be:

Read De Silva on Matthew, and as you do, create a framework for study by typing out each of his subheadings.

Then read the Gospel of Matthew,

- **typing some of your own notes and observations into those sub-headings.**
- You are creating a resource that you will use and add to over the course of your ministry, as you preach and teach on Matthew.
- Pay particular attention to Matthew's concern for Jesus's role as the proper interpreter of the Torah for a new age; note the "Jewishness" of the Gospel and also the signs of tension between Matthew's community and the wider, ongoing Jewish community.

Read DeSilva on Luke, and as you do, create a framework for study by typing out each of his subheadings.

Then read the Gospel of Luke,

- **typing some of your own notes and observations into those sub-headings.**
- You are creating a resource that you will use and add to over the course of your ministry, as you preach and teach on Luke.
- Pay particular attention to prophetic themes in Luke: reconciliation and restoration; the proper use of wealth; both the critique of Roman ways and the desire to be respectable on Roman terms.
- Note, too, the particular ways in which Luke characterizes the significance of Jesus's death, and the importance of the resurrection narratives for understanding Luke's community.