

Suggested Interview Questions for *The New Testament in Its World*

“The biblical drama is the heaven-and-earth story, the story of God and the world,
of creation and covenant, of creation spoiled and covenant broken
and then of covenant renewed and creation restored.”

“The New Testament is the book where all this comes in to land,
and it lands in the form of an invitation: this can be and should be your story, my story, the story
which makes sense of us, which restores us to sense after the nonsense of our lives,
the story which breathes hope into a world of chaos, and love into cold hearts and lives.”
—*The New Testament in Its World*

- Why does the New Testament matter today?
 - How do most people use the New Testament today?
 - How did the New Testament come to be, and what are some inaccurate beliefs surrounding its creation?
 - What basic background information is helpful before diving into a study of the New Testament?
 - In what way are history, literature, and theology the best starting points to understand the New Testament?
 - How did the first Christians view the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus? How does that compare to Christians today?
 - What gospel message was announced by the early followers of Christ? How does that compare differ with what some call the gospel today?
 - What makes Paul such an interesting and controversial character to study? How did he come to play such a large role in the New Testament?
 - How can we best continue the mission of the early church in our lives today?
 - How does the New Testament offer people a new way of relating to one another?
 - How has your personal spiritual life been impacted affected by your study of the New Testament?
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