

# David M. May

## Personal

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## Education

Ph.D., 1987, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY  
Doctoral Fields: New Testament history, literature, and language

Additional Doctoral Studies: New Testament Colloquium, St.  
John's Divinity School, Cambridge University, England (Spring,  
1985)

Tutorials: Professor Morna D. Hooker, St. John's Divinity School;  
Dr. Christopher Rowland, Jesus College, Cambridge University,  
England

Dissertation: *The Role of House and Household Language in the  
Markan Social World*

M. Div., 1983, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

B.S., 1980, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO  
Major: History      Minor: English

## Academic Professional Experience

1994-present      Landreneau Guillory Chair of Biblical Studies  
Professor of New Testament  
Director of Master of Arts (Theological Studies) 2017-present  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, KS

1995-2018      Adjunct Doctoral Faculty  
University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

1991-1994      Visiting Professor of New Testament  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO

1987-1990      Chair of Bible  
Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO

1986      Greek Instructor  
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

- 1983-1986      Garrett Teaching Fellow  
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 1980            Tutorial Assistant (History)  
Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO

## Ministry Experience

- June 2016-      Interim Pastor  
December 2017 First Community Church, Joplin, MO
- 1997            Interim Pastor  
Ashworth Road Baptist Church, Des Moines, IA
- 1992-1994      Associate Pastor  
Tryst Falls Baptist Church, Kearney, MO
- 1981-1984      Associate Pastor  
Maple Grove Baptist Church, Louisville, KY
- 1979-1980      Pastor  
Worth Baptist Church, Worth, MO

## Publications

*The Journey: An Introduction to the New Testament World through Socio-Narrative* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, forthcoming).

“The Lord’s Prayer in Baptist Bibleland,” *Review & Expositor* 118, no. 4 (fall 2021):

“The Sword-Violence of Luke’s Gospel: An Overview of Text-Segments,” *Review & Expositor* 117, no. 3 (fall 2020): 395-401.

Issue Editor, “Colossians,” *Review & Expositor* 114, no. 4 (fall 2019).

“Servant and Steward of the Mystery: Colossians 1:26-27, 2:2, 4:3,” *Review & Expositor* 116, no. 4 (fall 2019): 469-474.

“Colossians Bibliography: Seventy Years of Commentaries,” *Review &*

- Expositor* 116, no. 4 (fall 2019): 479-483.
- “Eating Supper on a Sinking Ship: Acts 27:27—38,” *Review & Expositor* 116, no. 3 (2019): 355–358.
- “Will There Be Dogs Under the Messianic Table?” *Review and Expositor* 114, no. 4 (2017): 526–528.
- “Counting Kings (Revelation 17:10): A Novel Approach from Roman Imperial Coinage,” *Review & Expositor* 114 (2017): 239-246.
- Issue Editor, “Ministry in Context: 1 and 2 Corinthians,” *Review & Expositor*, 110, (fall 2013).
- “Decapolis,” *Lexham Bible Dictionary Online*, Logos, 2013.
- “Rhetoric and Rhetorical Criticism,” *Lexham Bible Dictionary Online*, Logos, 2012.
- “Ancient Economics—Modern Interpreters: The World of Jesus,” *Review & Expositor*, 107 (fall 2010): 481-498
- “Interpreting Revelation with Roman Coins: A Test Case, Revelation 6:9-11,” *Review & Expositor*, 106 (summer 2009): 445-465.
- “The Empire Strikes Back: The Mark of the Beast in Revelation,” *Review & Expositor*, 106 (winter 2009): 83-98.
- Preaching Matthew*, coauthored with Mike Graves (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2007).
- Issue Editor, The Peaceable Kingdom, *Review & Expositor*, 102 (winter 2005)
- “A Review of Andrew Linzey’s *Animal Theology* from a New Testament Perspective,” *Review and Expositor*, 102 (winter 2005): 87-93.
- Revelation: Weaving a Tapestry of Hope* (Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2001).
- “You Cannot Hide the Soul’: 1 Thessalonians,” *Review & Expositor* 96 (spring 1999): 277-85.
- “How Will We Interpret the New Testament for the Twenty-First Century?” in

*Central Thoughts on the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, ed. Thomas Clifton (Macon, GA: Smyth and Helwys, 1998): 81-94.

“The Straightened Woman (Luke 13:10-17): Paradise Lost and Regained,” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 24 (fall 1997): 245-58.

Issue Editor, The Parables of Luke, *Review & Expositor*, 94 (spring 1997)

“Drawn from Nature and Everyday Life: Parables and Social Scientific Criticism,” *Review & Expositor*, 94 (spring 1997): 199-214.

“Demetrius and the Silver Shrines of Diana,” *Biblical Illustrator*, 21 (spring 1995): 47-50.

“Stoic Ethics,” *Ready Reference: Ethics* (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1994).

“Harry Emerson Fosdick: A Man for the Current Season,” *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 21 (spring 1994): 45-57.

“The Spirit of Restoration: Galatians 6:1,” *Biblical Illustrator*, 20 (Spring 1994): 47-49.

“Mark 2:15: The House of Jesus or Levi?” *New Testament Studies*, 39 (1993): 147-49.

“Laodicea,” *Biblical Illustrator*, 8 (spring 1992): 42-49.

*The Social Scientific Study of the New Testament: A Bibliography*, Vol. 4 (Macon: Mercer University Press, 1991).

“Leaving and Receiving: A Social Scientific Exegesis of Mark 10:29-31,” *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 17 (summer 1990): 141-54.

“The Denarius: Backbone of the Roman Empire,” *Biblical Illustrator*, 17 (fall 1990): 50-52.

Articles for *Mercer Dictionary of the Bible* (Macon: Mercer University Press, 1990)

“Apocrypha Acts”

“John, Acts of”

“Peter, Acts of”

“Andrew, Acts of”

“Paul, Acts of”

“Thomas, Acts of”

“Paul, Apocalypse of”  
“Thomas, Apocalypse of”

“Peter, Apocalypse of”  
“Semites”

“Fish in the Sea of Galilee,” *Biblical Illustrator*, 16 (spring 1990): 52-55.

“Mark 3:20-35 from the Perspective of Shame/Honor,” *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, 17 (summer 1987): 83-87.

## Selected Book Review

*Jesus the Sacrifice: A Historical and Theological Study*, Scott Shauf, *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (Forthcoming 2023).

*Guide to Biblical Coins*, 6th edition, by David Hendin, *Review & Expositor* 119 nos. 3-4 (2022): 451-52.

*The Nonviolent Apocalypse: Revelation’s Nonviolent Resistance against Rome* by Jeffrey D. Meyers, *Review & Expositor* 119 nos. 3-4 (2022): 453-54.

*Numismatics and Greek Lexicography* by Michael P. Theophilos, *Review & Expositor* 117, no. 4 (2020): 585-86.

*Christ and Chaos: Biblical Keys to Ethical Questions* by Gerald L. Borchert, *Review & Expositor* 117, no. 3 (2020): 410-11.

*I Corinthians 1-9: A Handbook on the Greek Text*, and *I Corinthians 10-16: A Handbook on the Greek Text* by Timothy A. Brookins and Bruce W. Longenecker, *Review & Expositor* 117, no. 2 (2020): 301-02.

*The Daily Discoveries of a Bible Scholar and Manuscript Hunter: A Biography of James Rendel Harris (1852-1941)* by Alessandro Falcetta, *Review & Expositor* 117, no. 1 (2020): 163-64

*The Coinage of Herod Antipas: A Study and Die Classification of the Earliest Coins of Galilee*. *Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity* 102, by Aaron J. Kogon and Jean-Philippe Fontanille, [https://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/12584\\_14029.pdf](https://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/12584_14029.pdf) (April 24, 2020)

*A History of the Jewish War: A.D. 66—74* by Steve Mason, *Review and Expositor* 116, no. 1 (2019): 98–98.

*Destroyer of the gods: Early Christian Distinctiveness in the Roman World* by Larry W. Hurtado, *Review & Expositor*, 114 (2017): 502-503.

*Rudolf Bultmann: A Biography* by Hammann Konrad, *Review & Expositor*, 111 (2014): 205-206.

*New Testament Text and Translation Commentary* by Philip W. Comfort, *Review & Expositor*, 109 (spring 2012): 305-06.

*The Bible and Ecology: Rediscovering the Community of Creation* by Richard Bauckham, *Review & Expositor*, 108 (winter 2011): 108-09.

*The Challenge of Jesus' Parables* ed. by Richard N. Longnecker, *Review and Expositor*, 102 (winter 2005): 157-58

*The Religion of the Earliest Churches: Creating a Symbolic World* by Gerd Theissen, *Review and Expositor*, (winter 2001): 130-31

*The Eyes of the Heart: A Memoir of the Lost and Found* by Frederick Buechner, *Christian Century* (8 March 2000): 283, 285

*The Cultural World of Jesus* by John Pilch, *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, 29 (spring 1999): 46-47

*A Preface to Mark: Notes on the Gospel in Its Literary and Cultural Setting* by Christopher Bryan, *Review and Expositor*, 95 (spring 1998): 288

*The Social Sciences and New Testament Interpretation*, ed. by Richard Rohrbaugh, *Review and Expositor*, 94 (summer 1997): 467-48

*Sociology and the Jesus Movement* by Richard Horsley, and *Sociology and the New Testament: An Appraisal*, by Bengt Holmberg, *Biblical Archaeologist*, 55 (September 1992): 157-58

*Companion God: A Cross-cultural Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew* by George T. Montague, *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, 21 (summer 1991): 81-82

## Conference Papers

“Sourcebooks of the Ancient Mediterranean Social World: Show Me the Money!” Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO (November 2022)

- "Critical Resources in Numismatics for Biblical Studies," Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO (November 2022)
- "Domitian's Coinage of the Ludi Saeculares (88 CE): John's Inspiration for the Apocalypse?" Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, November 2021
- "Strike Two: The Altering of Coinage in Antiquity and Implications for New Testament Study," Society of Biblical Literature (Virtual Meeting), December 2020
- "Revelation 17:10-11: The Identity of the Seven Kings through Roman Imperial Coinage," Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2009
- "The Empire Strikes Back: Countermarked Coins and the Mark of the Beast in the Apocalypse," Central States Regional SBL/ASOR Meeting, St. Louis, MO, March 2007
- "A New Testament Assessment of Andrew Linzey's *Animal Theology*," Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November, 2003
- "Revelation 6:9-11: A Consensus Challenged by Numismatic Iconography," Presidential Address, Central Region Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Kansas City, MO, April 2001
- "The Straightened Woman (Luke 13:10-17): Paradise Lost and Regained," Central Region Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, St. Louis, MO, March, 1996. (The 1996 Regional Scholar Award from the Central Region of the Society of Biblical Literature)
- "Being a Considerate Reader: A Social-Scientific Interpretation of Matthew 21:33-46," Central Region Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Tulsa, OK, April, 1995
- "Harry Emerson Fosdick: A Man for the Current Season," Presidential Address, Central Region Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Regional Meeting, Springfield, MO, April, 1992
- "A Partner for New Testament Studies: The Social Sciences," National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Regional Meeting, Columbia,

MO, March 1990

“The Great Reversal of Mark 10:29-31: Exegesis from the Perspective of Social Scientific Criticism,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, November, 1989

“Mark 3:20-35 from the Perspective of Shame/Honor,” Central Region Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, St. Louis, MO, April, 1987

## Professional Organizations

Society of Biblical Literature

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

-President of the Midwest Region of the NABPR 1992, 2001

-Editor of NABPR journal *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 2000-2002

*Review and Expositor*, Editorial Board Member

-Book Review Editor, 1999-2001

United States Tennis Association

## Additional Information

2020-2023 Co-Chair the Society of Biblical Literature Program Unit for an Consultation, "Numismatic Evidence and Biblical Interpretation." My co-chair for this Consultation is Dr. Michael Theophilos, Senior Lecture, Biblical Studies and Ancient Language at Australian Catholic University

2010-2013 Participant in a three-year Lilly funded “Pastors and Scholars Studio” which brings together twenty professors and twenty pastors to improve the process of forming missional leaders

2009 (July-August) Guest New Testament lecturer at the Myanmar Institute of Theology, Myanmar

2006 Participant ATS Scripture (Computer Mediated Learning) Workshop

2006 Committee member doctoral dissertation at UMKC, “Gigantism in the Ancient Near Eastern Religious Imagination” by Paul Thomas

2005 spring sabbatical

Recipient of the Denys Ruddy Scholarship for study at St. Deiniol’s Library,



Harwarden, Wales, UK.

Sabbatical Project: “The Journey: An Introduction to the New Testament World Through Socio-Narrative”

2023 Leader/Professor for travel and study in Israel

2019 Leader/Professor for travel and study in Israel

2017 Leader/Professor for student travel and study in Israel

2014 Leader/Professor for student travel and study in Israel

2012 Leader/Professor for student travel and study in Israel

2010 Leader/Professor for student travel and study in Greece and Turkey

1999 Leader/Professor for student travel and study in Jordan and Israel

1998 Leader/Professor for student travel and study in Greece and Turkey

1994 Leader/Professor for student travel and study in Israel

1992 Archaeological Excavation,

spring season, Baniyas (Caesarea Philippi) under the auspices of Israel Antiquities Authority, Site Director Dr. Vassilios Tzaferis

Faculty/Teacher: Methodist Course of Study (St. Paul School of Theology)

Faculty/Teacher: Bishop Kemper School for Ministry (Episcopal)

blog: <http://ntstudies.wordpress.com/>

### **Selective Workshops, Retreats, and Bible Studies**

- Sword Violence in Luke’s Gospel
- Upside Down: Teaching, Preaching and Experiencing the Parables of Jesus
- Engaging the Bible: Elements for Interpreting the Bible
- Revelation: The Green Book of the New Testament
- Jesus as Prophet...Ministers as Prophets
- Almost Everything You Wanted to Know About Baptists\*  
(But Were Afraid to Ask Because They Just Might Tell You)
- The Bible, Faith, and Humor
- “To Sleep Perchance to Dream”: A Biblical Perspective on Dreams
- Breaking Barriers—Building Bridges: Unity and Understanding
- Renewing the Call to Ministry
- Sinners, Repentance and Forgiveness: Jesus’ Ministry of Forgiveness in the Gospel of Luke
- Enter the Bible Through Different Doors