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A Comprehensive Introduction

“The fruit of decades of research and teaching the Gospel according to Matthew, David Bauer’s new introduction proves a sure-footed pathway for initiates while providing plenty of food for thought for those who think themselves already well-traveled. This will be the scholarly orientation to Matthew for the next generation.”

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“David Bauer has written an eminently readable and useful introduction to the Gospel of Matthew that covers all the complex matters of background, setting, interpretation, main themes, and theological reflections. It is informed by research, undertakes sober exegesis of the text, and offers genuine insights on how Matthew matters for us today.”

—Michael F. Bird, academic dean and lecturer in theology at Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia

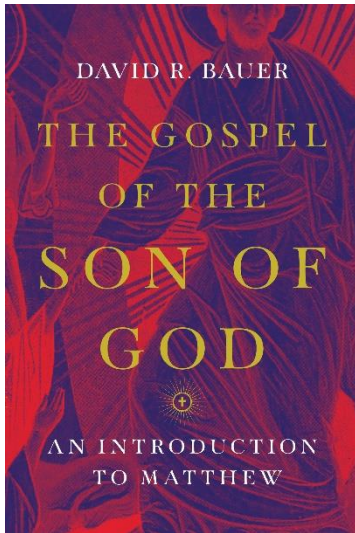
“*The Gospel of the Son of God* is an incredibly rich and comprehensive resource examining the historical, literary, and theological dimensions of Matthew. Bauer proves himself to be a highly knowledgeable, judicious, and insightful guide. There is now no better introduction to the Gospel of Matthew.”

—Nijay K. Gupta, associate professor of New Testament, Portland Seminary



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“Like a cartographer who knows the terrain, David Bauer maps the Gospel according to Matthew with deftness and clarity, giving both the student and the expert the lay of the land. He covers the ground well, providing an orientation (methods), interpretation (message), and reflection (theology) of the first Gospel. Informed by recent scholarship, Bauer’s introduction is accessible and substantive, helpful to the novice and enjoyable for the frequent traveler to Matthew’s literary world. Highly recommended.”

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“This book is a masterful treatment of the Gospel of Matthew. I know of none like it. It will become ‘must’ reading of interpreters of Matthew. It is carefully written in a style that is accessible to the reader. It reflects a thorough knowledge of the scholarly literature pertaining to Matthew and of the history of its interpretation. Against the background of a treatment of other methods scholars have used to interpret the Gospel, Bauer chooses the inductive approach. . . . A welcome characteristic is that Bauer does not press evidence beyond what it will bear and evaluates alternative attempts to deal with such evidence. . . . In all, Bauer’s interpretation of the Gospel of Matthew proves to be both comprehensive and persuasive. Scholars, pastors, and students will read it with profit.”

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