



The Western Wave

San Jose Campus Student Newsletter

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The King Has Come!

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In his announcement to Mary that she would give birth to the Savior, the angel Gabriel said, "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end" (Luke 1:32-33). Amazing! Right? But look especially at:

"God will give him the throne of David"
– What do I care?! "He will reign over the house of Jacob" – How irrelevant! What does that have to do with me? Nothing? Or Everything?! (Sometimes we can be pretty self-centered.) The angelic message to Mary—and Luke's message to us—is that Jesus is King! Actually, that's what all five lines say. (That's your cue to read it again.)

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 1

Late Registration Fees begin for Adds/Drops for Spring 2017

DECEMBER 14

New Student Orientation (for Spring 2017 New Students) 6:30-9:30PM

DECEMBER 17

Fall 2016 Semester Ends

DECEMBER 19-31

Limited Campus Hours. The Education Building will be accessible based on church facility hours of operation. The Western Administration offices may have limited hours as well. Please call ahead for information on exact hours of operation during this time.

DECEMBER 23-26

Campus closed for Christmas

JANUARY 2, 2017

Campus Closed for New Year's Holiday

JANUARY 7, 2017

Spring 2017 Semester Begins

JANUARY 16, 2017

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
(Campus closed)

JANUARY 20, 2017

Christian Therapist Fellowship
12pm-2:30pm. At the new campus in the Education Center, 2nd floor @ 1000 S. Park Victoria Dr., Milpitas. RSVP to [Steve Darrow](#) by January 13. Topic TBD.

“REJOICE! THE KING HAS COME!” CONT. FROM PG. 1

We need to care about what God cares about, especially when it's The Ultimate Truth of the Universe. It was relevant to Mary. It was relevant to Luke. Luke thought it should be relevant to Theophilus.

What this all means is that this one is going to be the Judge and Ruler of the whole world. That is eternally relevant to the whole world.

Later, when she delivered the baby and an angel appeared to the shepherds, they literally “feared a great fear” (Luke 2:9). A dazzling angel lighting the sky. The Message (verses 10-11): Good News (= Gospel). Joy to the World. Savior-Messiah-Lord. Glory in heaven, *shalom* on earth.

The paradox of it all is enough to amaze any post-modern: Glorious message delivered by glorious messenger; received by lowly shepherds, who were directed to find this eminent embodiment of Hope in a stable, in a manger. The King of Israel, destined to subjugate all kings, all armies, making his appearance in abject humility.

Here is what it means to us: If he is king, then we must bow. All must bow. That's what Faith is. Faith starts with recognizing and believing he is the Lord of all (objectively). When that reality sinks in, you cannot but embrace him as your Lord (subjectively). Faith must submit; it is pledging allegiance.

Five centuries earlier Zechariah spoke of the paradox: “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zech. 9:9).

And two centuries before that Isaiah also predicted: “A child will be born to us, a son will be given to us” (Isaiah 9:6). A helpless newborn in peasant surroundings. Merry Christmas.

But Isaiah's prophecy also did not stop there; it continues: “And the government will rest on His shoulders.” The most important fact about him, whether in Isaiah's writings or Zechariah's or Luke's, is that He is the one destined to reign over the universe forever, the King to rule all kings. **This is The Ultimate Truth of the Universe.**

Great as his first coming was, imagine what the next will bring. “According to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells” (2 Pet. 3:13).

Joy to the world: the Lord-King has come ... and is coming again!



PIE NIGHT KICKS OFF THE FALL SEASON

On November 3, Western Seminary staff kicked off the holiday season with a “Pie Night” Student Social. A group of around 30 students, staff, and faculty congregated in the kitchen to enjoy pumpkin pie, apple pie, pumpkin bread, decadent cookies, fresh fruit, ice cream, and more. Stay tuned for our next Student Social...



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CAMPUS NEWS

SPRING 2017 REGISTRATION CONTINUES

Open Registration for the Spring 2017 semester ended on November 30th, but there is still time to add courses. Classes sometimes fill up or some are cancelled due to low enrollment, so please register as soon as possible to ensure the courses you're hoping to take this spring are still available. Any registration changes at this point, may incur a late fee. We highly recommend that you check in with your academic advisor regarding course selection and sequencing and come up with a course plan that works well with your other personal responsibilities.



APPLICATION TO GRADUATE DEADLINE FOR 2017 HAS PASSED

The deadline to submit Applications to Graduate for the 2016-2017 academic year has passed (November 15). If you are planning to finish your degree program by the end of Spring or Summer 2017, you must submit an [Application to Graduate](#) immediately. Please contact [Carrie Priest](#) if you missed the deadline.

MINISTRY & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We receive regular contact from churches and para-church organizations. Please see the Ministry and Employment Opportunities and Counseling binders in the Student Resource Room for more info about recent (and previous) postings below. You may also check out other [employment opportunities](#).

Youth Ministry/Pastoral Intern (PT)
[Home of Christ Church in West San Jose](#)
20548 Lomita Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070
Assist in overseeing the English youth ministry and assist the English-speaking congregation pastor in all areas of the English-speaking ministry. Salary \$1500/month. 20 hrs/week. Send resume to the address above or email contact@hochtoga.org. Email [Elder Lin Huang](#) or [Elder Jerry Wang](#) or call them at 408-867-6264.

MFT Intern & Psychological Assistant
[Christian Psychotherapy Services](#)
1100 Sanchez St., San Francisco 94114
MFT graduates who have about 1000 hours of their supervised hours toward

licensing. Interns are paid for face to face hours. Email [Kathie Taylor](#), LMFT at 415-823-1654 or 415-764-0252. They may also email [Dr. Sam B. Leong](#), Ph.D. or call 415-550-6964.



Buy on Amazon, Western Benefits!



In order for Western Seminary to receive the benefit, you must make your purchase on Amazon by following the links on the [course syllabi](#) or through the Amazon portal at the bottom of the [San Jose](#)

[Students page](#). The proceeds will be used to help underwrite seminary scholarships. Here are some of the benefits Western will receive:

10% on: • Game Downloads Products • Amazon Coins

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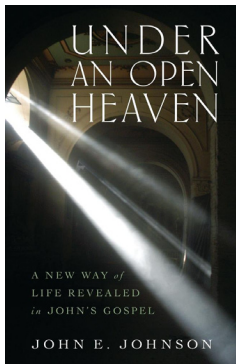
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Western Professors' Newly Published Work

Available on [Amazon](#) on February 27, 2017!

Under an Open Heaven: A New Way of Life Revealed in John's Gospel

Author: John E. Johnson



When the gospel of John was written, the world was in turmoil. Jerusalem was collapsing, the empire was eroding, and the church was fighting for its life. The early believers needed a theology to strengthen their souls and steady their nerves—a theology found in this often enigmatic gospel. In our similar times of turbulence, we too need to know that the abundant life under the opened heaven John describes is not just conceivable—it's a promise.

John E. Johnson is determined to reveal the relevance of John's gospel to today's Christian. To do so, he explores various conversations found in its pages and applies them to our modern world. Jesus converses with family, answers the questions of religious leaders, and steps into dialogue with people whose names we never know but whose struggles we can relate to. They aren't always straightforward chats, Johnson readily admits. Yet that is what makes them so beautifully applicable to the messiness of life.

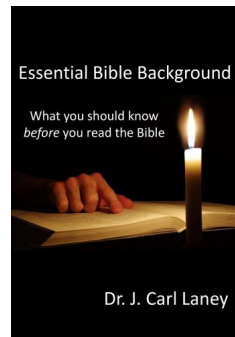
For readers tired of living confined lives, frustrated by failure, or starving in the midst of plenty, the conversations in John tell them life doesn't have to stay small. There is a whole new world made possible under God's open heaven.

Released on November 10. Available on [Amazon](#)!

Essential Bible Background: What You Should Know Before You Read the Bible

Author: Dr. J. Carl Laney

"Essential Bible Backgrounds" presents an introduction to each book of the Bible with additional chapters designed to answer questions and provide readers with information they need to read and study the Bible. Most of the material is factual; some is devotional; and some is just for fun. The chapters on Bible trivia and humor in the Bible will make you smile. One chapter is devoted to answering the most asked questions about the Bible. The author shows how each book of the Bible points to God's

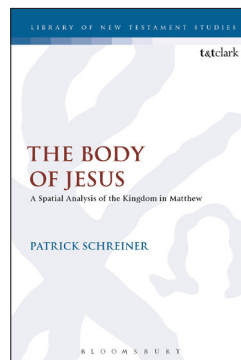


Promised One, Jesus. With each book of the Bible, consideration is given to the author, date of writing, purpose, theme, theology, and basic message (outline). "Essential Bible Background" is the capstone of the author's forty-year career as a Bible teacher. This resource is designed both for general reading and as a reference work when studying the Bible.

Released in July. Available on [Amazon](#)!

The Body of Jesus: A Spatial Analysis of the Kingdom in Matthew (The Library of New Testament Studies)

Author: Patrick Schreiner



Little attention is usually given to the space or place of the kingdom. Yet Matthew employs the distinctive phrase "kingdom of heaven" and also portrays Jesus as Immanuel (God with us). In this volume, Patrick Schreiner argues that by expanding one's view of space one can see that Jesus' purpose is to reorder the space of the earth in Matthew as the heavenly king.

Jesus pierces the barrier between the two realms in his incarnation, and the spaces of heaven and earth begin to collide in his ministry. Therefore, in Matthew, Jesus does not just promise a temporal or ethereal kingdom, but one that is located, one that has a sense of rootedness. Jesus is granted authority over this space and inspires people to follow him in this construction project. The spatial kingdom begins in his body, and he extends it to his church by promising his presence.

Patrick has also written articles and reviews recently for

[The Gospel Coalition](#):

- www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/3-lessons-from-netflix-adaptation-the-little-prince
- www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/book-reviews-delivered-from-elements-of-the-world
- www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/book-reviews-biblical-authority-after-babel