



How to Study the Bible

Gospels: Parables

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Gospels

- **What are the gospels?**
 - Matthew, Mark, Luke-Acts, John
 - Biography?
 - Theology?

3 Avenues of Gospel Study

Behind the Text Historical	In the Text Literary	In Front of the Text Applicational
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redaction, form, source criticism• Social-scientific criticism• Historical-critical method• Grammatical-historical exegesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literary analysis• Genre analysis• Narrative analysis• Intratextuality• Intertextuality• Grammatical-historical exegesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implications• Applications• History of Interpretation• Commentaries

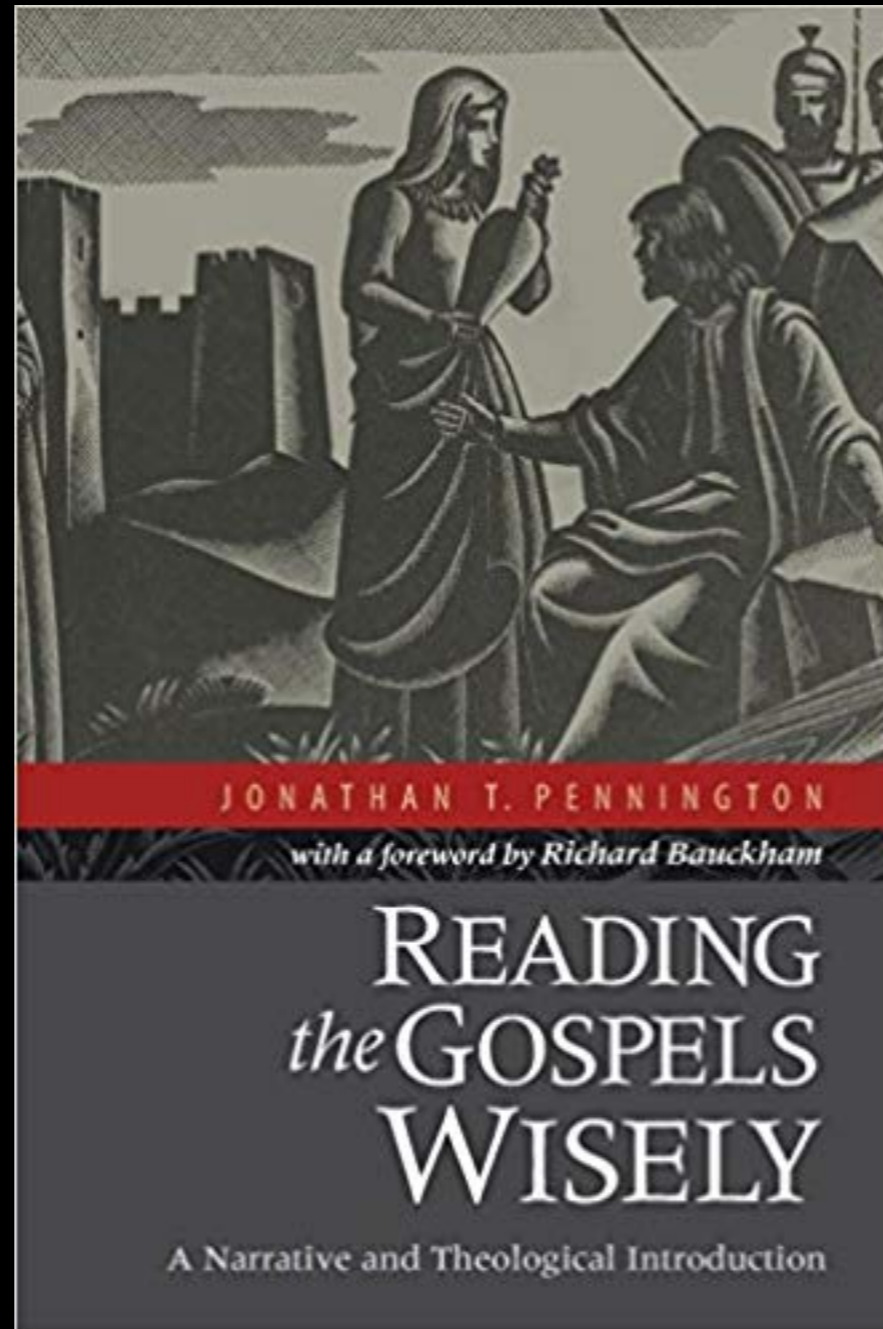
Angst & Joy of 4 Gospels

- **What are the difficulties of having 4 gospels?**
- **What are the joys of having 4 gospels?**

Parables

- **A Gnere within a Genre**
- **What is a parable?**
- **How to study a parable?**
 - **Identify the one main theme**
 - **Read parables in their context**
 - **Luke 15:11ff The Prodigal Son**
 - **Matthew 18:21ff The Unforgiving Servant**
 - **Luke 16:1ff Dishonest Manager**
 - **Matthew 20:1ff Laborers in the Vineyard**

Further Study



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