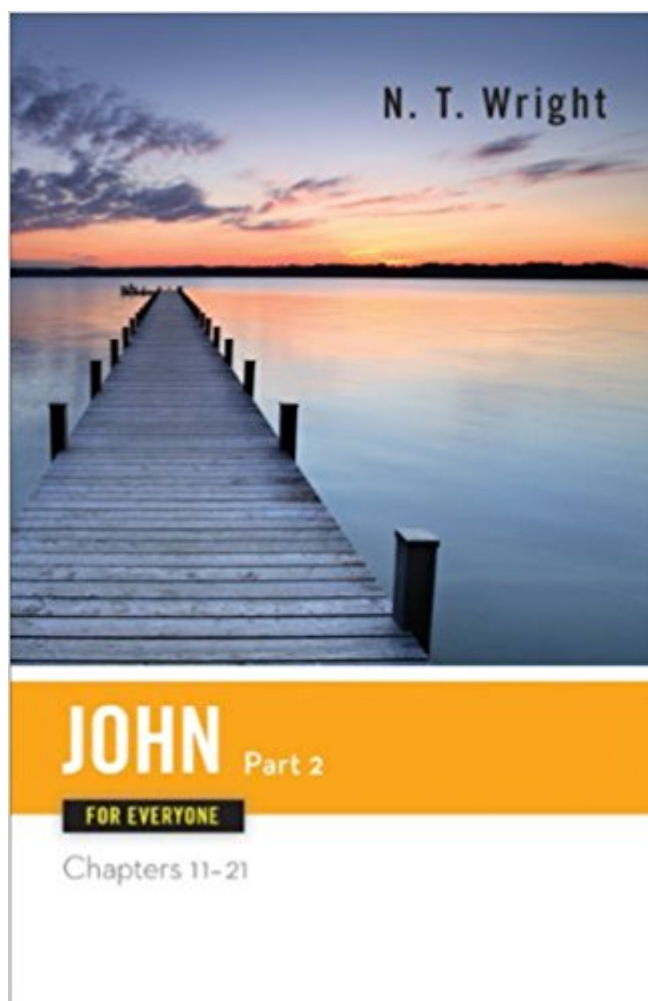


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N. T. Wright is the Chair in New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He is the former Bishop of Durham in the Church of England and is a prolific author and noted New Testament scholar. His books include *Scripture and the Authority of God*, *Surprised by Hope*, *Simply Christian*, and *Evil and the Justice of God*.

It's always been a challenge finding books for laypeople to read about Scripture. Books for an academic audience are generally inaccessible; and often, commentaries intended for a lay audience are entirely disconnected from the best theological and scholarly commentaries. In this light, N. T. Wright has a gift for taking real scholarship and making it relevant for real people. Unlike many academics, he clearly sees a need for the results of his academic, scholarly work to get translated down to books that don't require a theology degree to understand. His books on John were exactly what I was looking for for the Bible study I was leading. They're not quite commentaries in the sense that they don't try to explain every difficult in the text: you'd never want to use them to help you exegete a passage. But if you know the scholarship, you'll realize that a whole bunch of research is sitting behind every paragraph.

Bishop Wright is CS Lewis for the 21st century. His two books about The Gospel of John are a sufficient introduction to that gospel for any Christian enquirer even at the most basic level but (and here is Tom Wright's real gift), they are never simplistic. Bishop Wright doesn't skirt the tough issues but he takes care to stick to the important points. He never confuses the beginner with too much esoterica. Unlike other brief commentaries, this author includes the full text of John's Gospel. Each section begins with the gospel text, followed by Bishop Wright's commentary. Highly recommended by me for inquirer's classes, junior high Sunday School, basic Bible classes for adults with no previous exposure to Holy Scripture, and for curious non-Christians ("*New Testament for Dummies*"). Although the author is a Bishop in the Church of England & most of his readers so far have probably been Anglicans, these are by no means parochial works. I see them as exerting a strong appeal to anyone who wants to begin the study of John's Gospel, regardless of their religious orientation or lack thereof.

I had Part 1 of Dr. Wright's book "John for Everyone" and used it along with a number of other

commentaries for a Bible study that I conduct. I didn't like the first volume very well until I reread it and contemplated what he was saying. Wright's thinks in a different vein than I do - a good thing no doubt.

A very enlightening Commentary on the second part of the Gospel according to John. Arranged in short sections which can easily be used in one's daily devotions. One of the most memorable studies I've ever encountered

The overall insights offered by NT Wright have been very helpful.

Very easy to read and a good resource for John's Gospel.

Wright uses the method of presenting his own translation of a short section of this gospel, followed by a somewhat longer commentary also his own. Usually has two to four such sections to each chapter. The translation is complete, contemporary and easy to follow. Commentary sees the Bible as a whole, digs into meanings and backgrounds and implications, calls upon personal happenings and experiences to illustrate, and often raises discussable questions. Wright's Anglican background occasionally (rarely) peeks through a little bit. Excellent.

I have many of Tom Wright's books from theological treatises to those intended for 'everyone' and in this commentary on John I become aware as never before about those aspects of the gospels that are closest to Wright's heart. In this commentary theologian, pastor and warm Christian are all apparent to me. I used the commentary for my morning quiet time and the insights have really helped to deepen my faith. Thank you Dr Wright!

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