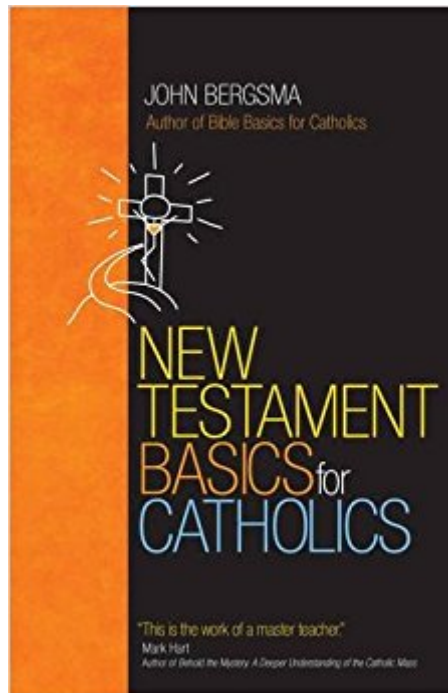




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# New Testament Basics For Catholics



## Synopsis

Award-winning author and theology professor John Bergsma follows up his popular Bible Basics for Catholics--which has sold more than 60,000 copies--with a closer, more in-depth look at the New Testament. Using simple illustrations and the same clear, conversational style that characterized his earlier book, Bergsma introduces four of the most important writers in the New Testament: Matthew, Luke, Paul, and John. With humor and simple illustrations, theology professor John Bergsma focuses on Matthew, Luke, Paul, and John, whose writings comprise about 90 percent of the New Testament. The gospel of Matthew, written for Jewish Christians, illuminates the life and teachings of Christ as the long-promised Messiah. In Luke's gospel, readers will delve into the infancy and Triduum narratives, as well as the Acts of the Apostles and the life of the early Church. This leads the reader to discover St. Paul and his first and arguably greatest theological treatise: Romans. Finally, "the beloved apostle" St. John draws us in to the unsurpassed beauty of the fourth gospel, as well as the most mysterious book of the New Testament: the book of Revelation. A concluding chapter offers suggestions for further study. Intended as an introductory work for those who are new to scripture study, this New Testament book does not aspire to be a comprehensive guide to all twenty-seven books of the New Testament, but is intended to lay the foundation for a lifetime of scripture reading.

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John Bergsma is professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and a Senior Fellow at the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. A popular teacher whose love of Scripture inspires his students, Bergsma was twice voted Faculty of the Year by graduating classes at Franciscan University. He is the author of Bible Basics for Catholics. He and his wife Dawn have eight children.

Written by Dr. John Bergsma, the book is fabulous. He was one of my college professors so one might think he talks above the crowd. Not so, this book is for anyone. Simple figures, easy language and a great read!

John Bergsma is at it again with a flyover of the key points of the new testament. Bergsma takes you through the Gospels, St. Paul, St. John, and more. He explains what the symbolism is in some of Jesus's most important miracles. For example, the 7 signs in St. John's gospel reveal the 7 sacraments. During my read through I did spot a few typos, which are minor, but break the concentration required to reflect on Bergsma's teachings.

This book really simplified a lot of Bible texts and taught great insights.

A marvelous book that makes the very complex New Testament understandable. Would suggest you also read his first book in this series (hopefully there will be more) - Bible Basics for Catholics. Simple, easy to understand yet deep insights were shared. His books have really enhanced my Bible study!

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Love this book! Very relatable. Written in modern language with common examples the reader understands. Connects our Jewish roots to our Christian beliefs. My middle schooler could benefit from this, as well as any adult. It's also full of humor. Can't wait to read his other books.

Superb. It was like I understood the whole New Testament in a whole new light. A very good introduction. The whole New Testament came to life!!

John Bergsma is awesome. Love his style of writing. He brings humor to these sometimes-hard-to-understand scripture passages. Super easy to follow. Hope he continues these types of books.

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