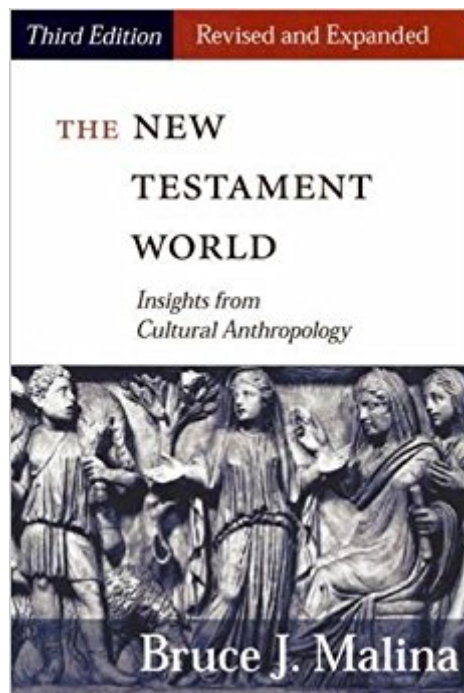




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Customer Reviews

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I'm not a cultural anthropologist by any means, but I found this book to be pretty understandable and approachable. Malina explains his terms pretty well and creates what seems to be a pretty good model of early Christian social and cultural norms. It definitely wasn't a quick read for me, but it was very helpful.

In this 2001 book, Malina systematically treats the culture of the New Testament world by contrasting it with contemporary Western culture. He organizes his presentation around a series of core Judean culture traits. His in-depth coverage draws on constructs from cultural anthropology, making it helpful to have had an introductory course in this field. For this reason, this book is a more

challenging read than was his 1993 title, 'Windows on the World of Jesus'. The earlier book is written in a more accessible style for the non-specialist reader. Malina has as his underlying objective in both of these books to make the reader appreciate the great distance between his own contemporary experience of social reality and that of 1st century Judeans. He believes that without applying such a perspective, the reader is prone to misinterpret what he reads in the New Testament, as if it were taking place in our own time.

Malina work "The New Testament World" provides an excellent description of 1st century culture. For serious Bible study, it is important to remove our 21st century cultural lens and try to hear the Bible as the first audience. This book does a great job of explaining the 1st century culture and highlighting the differences between then and now. The companion book "Social Science Commentary on the Synoptic Gospels" should be used after reading "Insights from Cultural Anthropology"

Very informative. Not difficult to understand at all. Great information of the culture, makes me read Scripture with a better understanding.

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A good overview of the new testament world. a good purchase.

A good look at the culture of the first century church. This book showed what the people that lived in the Mediterranean Coastal countries perceived as being honorable. Excellent read.

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