

SCOT McKNIGHT, PhD

BIOGRAPHY



Scot McKnight is a recognized authority on the New Testament, early Christianity, and the historical Jesus. McKnight, author or editor of some seventy-five books, is the Julius R. Mantey Professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary in Lisle, IL. Dr. McKnight has given interviews on radios across the nation, has appeared on television, and regularly speaks at local churches, conferences, colleges, and seminaries in the USA and abroad. His blog – [Jesus Creed](#) – is frequently recognized as one of the most important Christian blogs on the web.

Dr. McKnight obtained his Ph.D. at the University of Nottingham (1986) and has been a professor for more than three decades.

Recent Works and Current Projects

Scot McKnight is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and of the Society for New Testament Studies. He is author of the award-winning *The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others* (Paraclete, 2004), which won the *Christianity Today* book of the year for Christian Living.

He broadened his Jesus Creed project with a daily devotional: *40 Days Living the Jesus Creed* (Paraclete, 2008), and followed this with a Jesus Creed book for high school students (with Syler Thomas and Chris Folmsbee) called *The Jesus Creed for Students* (Paraclete, 2011). He additionally co-wrote with his daughter a Jesus Creed book for children: *Sharing God's Love: The Jesus Creed for Children*, with Laura Barringer McKnight (Paraclete, 2014).

His research on gospel was published in the Fall of 2011 in a book called *The King Jesus Gospel* (Zondervan, 2011). His other books include *A Fellowship of Differents* (Zondervan, 2014) and *Kingdom Conspiracy* (Baker, 2015). McKnight's current projects include *Reading Romans Backwards* (Baylor University Press, 2019) and *Pastor Paul* (Baker Academic, 2019), and a translation of the New Testament called *The Second Testament* (IVP Academic; forthcoming, perhaps in 2020).

Church and Family

Scot McKnight was ordained by Bishop Todd Hunter to the Diaconate in Churches for the Sake of Others, a segment of Anglican Churches of North America. He and his wife, Kristen, are active in their church, Church of the Redeemer.

Scot McKnight was elected into the Hall of Honor at Cornerstone University in honor of his basketball accomplishments during his college career. He and Kris live in Libertyville, Illinois. They enjoy traveling, long walks, gardening, and cooking. They have two adult children, Laura (married to Mark Barringer) and Lukas (married to Annika Nelson), and two grandchildren: Aksel and Finley.

McKnight blogs at [Jesus Creed](#).

Commentaries and other Books

Scot McKnight has written several commentaries, including *The Epistle of James*, NICNT, Eerdmans, 2010), *The Sermon on the Mount* (Story of God Bible Commentary; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013), *Colossians* (NICNT, 2017), and *Philemon* (NICNT, 2017).

His most recent books include a series through WaterBrook: *The Heaven Promise: Engaging the Bible's Truth about Life to Come* (WaterBrook, 2015), *The Hum of Angels: Listening for the Messengers of God Around Us* (WaterBrook, 2017), and a book on the Holy Spirit called *Open to the Spirit: God in Us, God with Us, God Transforming Us* (WaterBrook, 2018).

Other books include *Interpreting the Synoptic Gospels* (Baker, 1988), *A Light among the Gentiles* (Fortress, 1992), *Galatians* (Zondervan, 1993), *1 Peter* (Zondervan, 1996), *A New Vision for Israel* (Eerdmans, 1999), *Turning to Jesus* (Westminster John Knox, 2002), *Jesus and His Death* (Baylor, 2005), *Embracing Grace: A Gospel for All of Us* (Paraclete, 2005), *The Story of the Christ* (Baker, 2006), *Praying with the Church* (Paraclete, 2006), and *A Community called Atonement* (Abingdon, 2007). Other books are *Finding Faith, Losing Faith* (Baylor, 2008; a book he co-authored with his former student Hauna Ondrey), *The Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible* (Zondervan, 2008), *The Real Mary: Why Evangelical Christians Can Embrace the Mother of Jesus* (Paraclete, 2007), *Fasting* (Thomas Nelson, 2009), *One.Life: Jesus Calls, We Follow* (Zondervan, 2010), and *Adam and the Genome* (co-authored with Dennis Venema; Brazos Press, 2017). He published an e-book affirming the importance of the doctrine of perseverance: *A Long Faithfulness: The Case for Christian Perseverance* (Bonfire/Partheos Books, 2013). He is a co-editor with J.B. Green and I.H. Marshall of the award-winning *The Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels* (IVP, 1992). He is co-editor, along with J.D.G. Dunn, of *The Historical Jesus in Current Study* (Eisenbraun's, 2005), and is co-editor with Joe Modica of *Jesus is Lord, Caesar is Not* (IVP, 2013).

Scot McKnight regularly contributes chapter length studies to dictionaries, encyclopedias, books and articles for magazines and online webzines. McKnight's books have been translated into Chinese, Korean, Russian, and Portuguese.