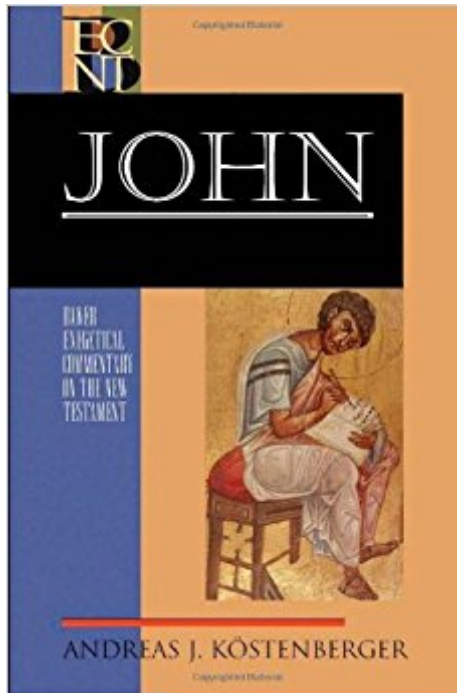


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Customer Reviews

Andreas Kästenberger (Ph.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is professor of New Testament and director of Ph.D/Th.M. studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the author or coauthor of several books, including *Encountering the Gospel of John*, *The Book Study Concordance of the Greek New Testament*, and *The Missions of Jesus and the Disciples according to the Fourth Gospel*. He also translated Adolf Schlatter's two-volume *New Testament Theology*.

As a pastor working through John with our congregation, I find Andreas Kostenberger's volume an exceptionally rich work and valuable resource. There is sufficient detail for me to study beyond the scope of my sermon. This particular work has been one of my main 'go to' resources each week. The strengths of this resource have been well-documented by other reviewers here, so I won't repeat the same. During my study, there have been only two somewhat minor complaints...more like frustrations, really. The first is the occasional obscure English word used by the author to describe something. Realizing that Kostenberger is an academic, I can understand the propensity to do this. I'd just rather spend my time looking up Greek words rather than English words. Secondly, there is a tendency for the author to overly send the reader to other resources for clarification. While I realize that one resource, no matter how well-written, can be complete in and of itself. Yet the continuity of thought and reading is repeatedly interrupted with a reference to another work for clarification. Sometimes it's the author's other works, and sometimes other commentaries. I'd like to be able to spend more than just a few minutes in this one volume without feeling like I need to refer to 3 or 4 other works to understand what was just written. That said, I still rate this work with 4 stars. It's a very worthwhile addition to any pastor's library.

I expect the Baker Exegetical Commentary on John to be very useful. It is not deeply explorative, nor is it steeped in the original language. It is an excellent commentary for a Sunday School teacher or maybe a relatively new Bible student. The analysis is evangelical and fundamental just not on the advanced level. Worth the money, certainly yes.

Great book for seminary use. Kostenberger is excellent! You will learn a lot for this study of John! Excellent Purchase!

Superb product

I have studied this book for a period of time. It provides precise but extensive interpretations for one of the most theological books of the Bible. The footnotes are especially helpful for further research. In a sense, I would like to see deeper discussion on certain sections. However, there may be page-limit by the publisher. As a whole, the section summary is helpful. The summary on alternative views of different scholars are valuable. If there is a second edition, I prefer the author to add excursus on specific issues in the Gospel of John. As a whole, Kostenberger provides a massive

research on the Gospel of John with solid exegetical skill. I highly recommend this book for seminary students, Bible teachers, pastors, and scholars. It would be a great resource for the ministry of the word.

The strengths of the Baker series shine through: an outlined pericope by pericope approach, great aesthetics in the layout, an evangelical high view of scripture maintained while not being afraid to include or engage scholarship more critical, and plenty of space given to the authors to say what needs to be said (this one is right at 700 pages). All of these make it a great modern edition for a pastor's shelf. What prevents a higher individual rating is that the questions the commentary tried to answer at times seem obscured - it can tilt too much to the exegetical and away from the commentary. Roughly 1/3rd of every page is footnotes that do a magnificent job of tracing the scholastic argument, but sometimes at the expense of the author's own comments and interpretation. It is a great exegetical work establishing the text in its own context and within the scholarship. It tends at times to lack a voice of its own.

Very in depth treatment of John's gospel, and theologically sound. Using this resource in devotional study will greatly enhance your understanding of the life and works of Jesus, as revealed through John's eyewitness account.

Even the most basic learner or student of John will understand and enjoy reading this book. It is perfect for the classroom setting in that it offers the proven knowledge of its writer's excellent study. He is to be commended for sharing the much needed information.

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