



## Memory, Jesus, and the Synoptic Gospels

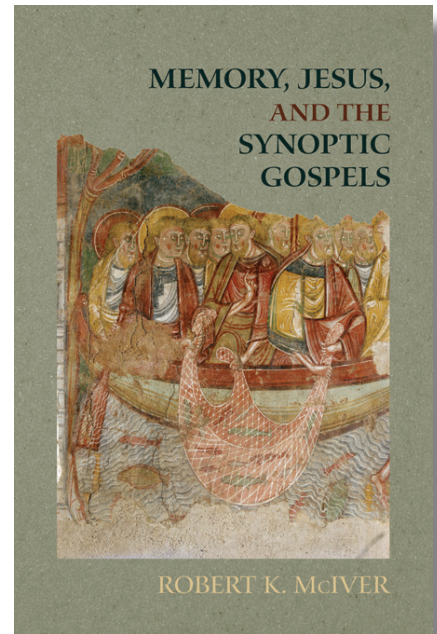
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Before they were written in the Gospels, the teachings and deeds of Jesus were preserved in human memory—with all its frailties and strengths—for perhaps as long as 30 to 60 years. Much can happen to traditions preserved in memories for so long, and this groundbreaking work addresses the impact that the qualities of human memory would have had on the traditions of the historical Jesus found in the Synoptic Gospels. It uses the insights gained from over a century of psychological experimentation to investigate the qualities and potential reliability of individual and collective memories underlying the various elements that make up the Gospel traditions.

“McIver’s study fully (and finally!) brings psychology and human memory into the discussion of Jesus and Christian origins. What does human memory have to do with Jesus and the Gospels? McIver’s assessment is sure to spark debate.”

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