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FOREWORD

It takes a tremendous amount of cooperation, enthusiasm, and, most importantly, secrecy, to bring a project like this to fruition. We would like to express our appreciation to a number of individuals who displayed all three on the way to helping us produce this volume in honor of Frank Matera. First, of course, had it not been for an outstanding group of contributors, there would be no book. Everyone worked with a sensitivity to the looming deadline and with an excitement that is not common to the production of an academic monograph. To each of our contributors, we owe a debt of gratitude. Second, we must thank Msgr. Kevin Irwin, former dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America, as well as his successor, Rev. Mark Morozowich, for their invaluable assistance in helping us procure information necessary for the completion of the volume. Third, we want to express our appreciation to Dr. Gail O'Day and the editorial board of the Society of Biblical Literature Early Christianity and Its Literature series for enthusiastically accepting our proposal to include this book in the series. A special thanks goes to Susan Ryberg, the references and extended services librarian at Mount Olive College (North Carolina) for her help in tracking down numerous obscure monographs and other bibliographic information useful for the completion of the book. As always, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our families, particularly our wives, Tara and Kim, for their patience as we spent extra time in libraries, offices, and in front of computer screens.

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PREFACE

In a career that spans nearly forty-five years as a professor, scholar, and priest, Frank Matera has demonstrated a unique ability to interpret and communicate the diverse voices at work within the writings of the New Testament. In addition to serving as an acknowledgment of his seventieth birthday, this volume is a celebration of his work and a tribute to his impact as both a professor with keen pastoral sensitivities, and a scholar with an admirable breadth of expertise. During his productive career, Frank has published major commentaries on the writings of Paul (Galatians, 2 Corinthians, Romans), three volumes devoted to the Synoptic Gospels, and significant works on New Testament theology, ethics, and homiletics. In all of these endeavors Frank has displayed a range of scholarly proficiency and has become an acknowledged authority.

The unifying theme of this volume—the diverse unity of New Testament theology—has been a particularly important emphasis in Frank’s teaching and writing. We have chosen this theme as a launching point for the essays in this book. In the introduction to his massive *New Testament Theology*, Frank makes this underlying assumption in his thinking explicit to the reader: “there is a rich diversity in the way the New Testament writers express the experience of salvation the first believers enjoyed because of God’s salvific work in Christ,” while there is also “an underlying unity in the diverse theologies of the New Testament.”¹ The contributors to this volume—Frank Matera’s colleagues, former students, and friends—have come together to reflect on and interact with this important theme in his scholarly writings, as well as other prominent foci that emerge from his academic publications.

After a series of reflections from Francis T. Gignac, Frank’s longtime colleague at Catholic University, the essays that follow are divided into

1. Frank J. Matera, *New Testament Theology: Exploring Diversity and Unity* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007), xxviii.

two areas: studies in the New Testament narratives and studies in the Letters of Paul. Admittedly, this division is somewhat artificial, as many of the essays attempt to draw connections between both groups of writings. These essays attempt to interact in detail with contemporary scholarship vis-à-vis the scholarly publications of Frank Matera.

The first section of this book contains seven essays. In the first essay, Kelly R. Iverson engages the current debate over the supposed anti-Paulinisms in Matthew's Gospel, with a view to evaluating the various arguments set forward by David Sim. In the next essay, Francis J. Moloney analyzes the Matthean use of *δικαιοσύνη*, a term otherwise known for its prominence in the Pauline corpus. The next three studies focus on the Gospel of Mark; Jack Dean Kingsbury, John R. Donahue, and Paul J. Achtemeier explore Markan Christology, social ethics, and soteriology, respectively. Then, in an essay devoted to Luke-Acts, William J. Kurz asks how the mission of God's servant in Isaiah influences the portrayal of Paul in Acts, specifically Paul's witness to the one living God. In the final essay of the first section, John Paul Meier examines the so-called parable of the Wicked Tenants in order to shed light on the potential relationship between the Synoptic Gospels and the extracanonical Gospel of Thomas.

The second section of the book also consists of seven essays. Matthew G. Whitlock begins the section by attempting to construct a bridge from Acts to Paul, with an emphasis on how modern literary studies help to illuminate the use of different nonauthorial voices in each text. Michael J. Gorman follows by locating elements of cruciform teaching in the Synoptic tradition—chiefly represented by the Gospel of Mark—and compares them to the Pauline understanding of cruciform spirituality. The next four essays are devoted to theological themes in Paul's Letters. A. Andrew Das raises questions about the legitimacy of foisting the law upon the Gentiles, filtering his discussion through the grid of Gal 3:10. Luke Timothy Johnson offers a fresh examination of the *σῶμα* concept in Paul, with special attention to the Corinthian correspondence. Sherri Brown visits the notoriously difficult issue of the *πίστις Χριστοῦ* formulation in the context of Paul's understanding of salvation history. Raymond F. Collins explores the transformation of a Pauline motif—the early expectation of Jesus' *παρουσία* ("coming" or "presence") alongside Paul's later emphasis on Jesus' *ἐπιφάνεια* ("appearance"). In the book's final essay, Christopher W. Skinner compares Pauline and Johannine views on virtue as a means to the end of illuminating foundational elements of their ethical teachings.

Finally, we want to offer a special word to Frank: It is our hope that this volume will communicate to you the depth of our appreciation for what you have imparted to so many. We also hope that it will, in some small measure, return to you some of the benefits we have gained from hearing your lectures, reading your books, and sharing in different kinds of enlightening and challenging conversations with you over the years. Congratulations on your stellar career and forthcoming retirement.

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3. “Steps on the Journey: A Biblical Basis for Covenanting.” Lutheran–Anglican–Roman Catholic Conference. Annandale, Va. November 10–11, 1989.
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6. “The Gospel Passion Narratives.” Six talks. United States Air Force Chaplains. Phoenix. October 8–10, 1990.
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34. "The Spirit in the Theology of St. Paul." A workshop of four talks to the priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Holy Family Monastery. West Hartford, Conn. May 19–20, 1998.
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48. "Christ in the Theologies of Paul and John: A Study in the Diverse Unity of New Testament Theology." Andrews-Kelly-Ryan Professorship Inaugural Lecture. Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. November 17, 2004.
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67. "Living in Newness of Life: Paul's Understanding of the Moral Life." Villanova University. Philadelphia. March 18, 2009.
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ABBREVIATIONS

AB	Anchor Bible
ABD	<i>Anchor Bible Dictionary</i> . Edited by D. N. Freedman. 6 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1992.
ABRL	Anchor Bible Reference Library
AcBib	Academia biblica
AGJU	Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums
AJT	<i>Asia Journal of Theology</i>
AnBib	Analecta biblica
ANTC	Abingdon New Testament Commentaries
AT	<i>Annales theologici</i>
ATANT	Abhandlungen zur Theologie des Alten und Neuen Testaments
AThR	<i>Anglican Theological Review</i>
BBR	<i>Bulletin of Biblical Research</i>
BDAG	W. Bauer, F. W. Danker, W. F. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. <i>Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> . 3rd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1999.
BDB	F. Brown, S. R. Driver, and C. A. Briggs. <i>A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1907.
BDF	F. Blass, A. Debrunner, and R. W. Funk. <i>A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961.
BETL	Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologiarum lovaniensium
Bib	<i>Biblica</i>
BJRL	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands Library</i>
BNTC	Black's New Testament Commentaries
BSac	<i>Bibliotheca sacra</i>

BZNW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBQ	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CBQMS	Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series
CBR	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
CNT	Commentaire du Nouveau Testament
CTJ	<i>Calvin Theological Journal</i>
CurBS	<i>Currents in Research: Biblical Studies</i>
EBib	Études bibliques
ETL	<i>Ephemerides theologicae lovanienses</i>
EvQ	<i>Evangelical Quarterly</i>
ExpTim	<i>Expository Times</i>
FCB	Feminist Companion to the Bible
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
GNS	Good News Studies
HBD	<i>Harper's Bible Dictionary</i> . Edited by Paul J. Achtemeier. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1985.
HBT	<i>Horizons in Biblical Theology</i>
HNT	Handbuch zum Neuen Testament
HTKNT	Herders theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
HvTSt	<i>Hervormde theologiese studies</i>
IBC	Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching
ICC	International Critical Commentary
Int	<i>Interpretation</i>
IVPNTC	InterVarsity Press New Testament Commentary
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
JECS	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
JETS	<i>Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society</i>
JRE	<i>Journal of Religious Ethics</i>
JSJ	<i>Journal for the Study of Judaism</i>
JSNT	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series
JSOT	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series
KJV	King James Version

LHBOTS	Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies
LNTS	Library of New Testament Studies
LS	<i>Louvain Studies</i>
LSJ	H. G. Liddell, R. Scott, and H. S. Jones. <i>A Greek-English Lexicon</i> . 9th ed. with revised supplement. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.
LXX	Septuagint
MT	Masoretic text
NAB	New American Bible
NAC	New American Commentary
NCBC	New Cambridge Bible Commentary
NCCS	New Covenant Commentary Series
<i>Neot</i>	<i>Neotestamentica</i>
NET	New English Translation of the Bible
NETS	<i>A New English Translation of the Septuagint</i> . Edited by Albert Pietersma and Benjamin G. Wright. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.
NIB	<i>The New Interpreter's Bible</i> . Edited by Leander E. Keck. 12 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 1994–2004.
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIGTC	New International Greek Testament Commentary Series
NIV	New International Version
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Novum Testamentum Supplements
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
NTabh	Neutestamentliche Abhandlungen
NTL	New Testament Library
NTS	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
OBT	Overtures to Biblical Theology
OGIS	<i>Orientis graeci inscriptions selectae</i> . Edited by W. Dittenberger. 2 vols. Leipzig: Hirzel, 1903–1905.
OTP	<i>Old Testament Pseudepigrapha</i> . Edited by James H. Charlesworth. 2 vols. New York: Doubleday, 1983–1985.
<i>R&T</i>	<i>Religion and Theology</i>
RAC	<i>Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum</i> . Edited by T. Kluser et al. Stuttgart: Hiersemann, 1950–.
RBL	<i>Review of Biblical Literature</i>
RevistB	<i>Revista biblica</i>
RSPT	<i>Revue des sciences philosophiques et théologiques</i>

RSV	Revised Standard Version
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLSP	Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers
SBLSymS	Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series
SBLWGRW	Society of Biblical Literature Writings from the Greco-Roman World
SIG	<i>Sylloge inscriptionum graecarum</i> . Edited by W. Dittenberger. 4 vols. 3rd ed. Leipzig: Hirzel, 1915–1924.
SJT	<i>Scottish Journal of Theology</i>
SNT	Studien zum Neuen Testament
SNTIW	Studies of the New Testament and Its World
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SNTSU	<i>Studien zum Neuen Testament und seiner Umwelt</i>
SP	Sacra Pagina
TCGNT	<i>Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament</i> . Edited by Bruce M. Metzger. 2nd ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1994.
TDNT	<i>Theological Dictionary of the New Testament</i> . Edited by G. Kittel and G. Friedrich. Translated by G. W. Bromiley. 10 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964–1976.
THKNT	Theologischer Handkommentar zum Neuen Testament
ThTo	<i>Theology Today</i>
TLZ	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
TrinJ	<i>Trinity Journal</i>
TS	<i>Theological Studies</i>
TynBul	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
TZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i>
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WTJ	<i>Westminster Theological Journal</i>
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
WW	<i>Word and World</i>
ZBK	Zürcher Bibelkommentare
ZNW	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche</i>
ZST	<i>Zeitschrift für systematische Theologie</i>
ZTK	<i>Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche</i>

INTRODUCTION

Francis T. Gignac, S.J.

I am very grateful to be invited to write an introduction to the Festschrift on the occasion of Frank Matera's seventieth birthday and retirement from the Catholic University of America. I am honored and enthusiastic to do so. The Reverend Doctor Frank J. Matera, the Andrews-Kelly-Ryan Professor of Biblical Studies, has been an outstanding teacher here at CUA since 1988.

Among his twelve published books that nicely serve the needs of both the academy and the church, several are magnificent syntheses that show both the unity and the diversity of New Testament writings. His *New Testament Christology* (1999) has insightful analyses of the Christology of each individual writer and concludes with a chapter on the diverse unity of New Testament Christology.

New Testament Theology: Exploring Diversity and Unity (2007) is even more impressive. After an introduction to New Testament theology, he examines the theologies of the Synoptic Gospels: the kingdom of God in Mark, the righteousness of the kingdom in Matthew, and the salvation that the kingdom brings about in Luke–Acts. Then he focuses on the Pauline tradition, distinguishing among a theology of election in the Thessalonian correspondence, a theology of the cross and resurrection in the Corinthian correspondence, a theology of righteousness in Galatians and Romans, a theology from prison in Philippians, Philemon, Colossians, and Ephesians, and a theology of the Pauline tradition in the Pastoral Epistles. Then he analyzes the Johannine tradition, including a theology of revelation in the Gospel of John and a theology of communion with God in 1 John. He concludes the analytical part by treating a theology of priesthood and sacrifice in Hebrews, a theology of wisdom and perfection in James, a theology for a time of affliction and disorder in 1 and 2 Peter and Jude, and

a theology of God's final victory over evil in Revelation. The final chapter is a brilliant synthesis of the diverse unity of New Testament theology.

Besides these syntheses, he has also written commentaries on individual New Testament books, including 2 Corinthians for the New Testament Library, Galatians for Sacra Pagina, and most recently Romans for the Paideia series (2010). This is a chapter-by-chapter and verse-by-verse commentary in which he discusses the text type, the Greek language used, and the cultural, literary, and theological settings in which the text took form. Over the years he has also written sixty-five articles for various periodicals, books, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and Festschriften.

He was the primary organizer and keynote presenter in our Year of Paul symposium, which was extremely successful. He has presented almost eighty lectures on Paul in various universities and dioceses, and his *New Testament Ethics: The Legacies of Jesus and Paul* (1999) and his *Strategies of Preaching Paul* (2001) are very popular.

He has taught doctoral-level seminars in the Gospel of Luke, the Acts of the Apostles, 2 Corinthians, Romans, Galatians, and Philippians, as well as courses in New Testament Christology and New Testament ethics, courses in the Pauline Letters and the Synoptic Gospels, and undergraduate courses in the Letters of Paul and New Testament introduction. He has also supervised the development of our curriculum. His contributions to the biblical studies area and to the School of Theology and Religious Studies are outstanding and have brought great honor to STRS and to CUA.

For the past ten years he has directed more dissertations than any other professor in our academic area. In doing so, he is very attentive to the needs and interests of his directees and meets with them regularly to help and encourage them in their work. He is by far the most sought-after dissertation director in our academic area.

Even in his final year he has devoted himself to the needs of our school, serving on the search committee for a new dean, taking care to see the rest of his directees through their dissertations and defenses, and providing alternate directors for those unable to complete their work under him.

He and I have been working closely together for the last ten years now and he has also been so good to me in other ways. There is no one comparable to him at the Catholic University of America.

He is also very devoted to pastoral work. For many years he has served as assistant to the pastor at Holy Family Catholic Church, Davidsonville, Maryland, where he not only celebrates masses every weekend but also conducts Bible study classes on weekday evenings.

He has personal interests that have benefited us residents of Curley Hall. For years he has maintained a vegetable garden in our backyard, planting tomatoes and cucumbers in the spring, tending and watering the garden all summer, picking the ripe fruit for us to eat, and closing down the garden in the fall.

In addition, he is personally generous and shows the greatest concern for those of us with whom he lives. He offers to drive us wherever we have to go and is especially attentive to our physical health, assisting us personally in any way he can. He is truly one of the best people with whom I have been privileged to live.

