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Curriculum Vitae

Present Position: **Dean of the Faculty**
 Professor of New Testament Language and Literature
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PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Born, 1949, raised in the Southern California area, USA.
- U.S. Army, 1967-70; combat squad leader, Viet Nam, 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade (1968-69)
- Married to Lynne Allison Melia Wilkins in 1971
- Children: Michelle Lynne (Wilkins) Lorch, born 1974. Married, one child
 Wendy Colleen Wilkins, born 1978, CA.
- Family activities (surfing, snow boarding/skiing, camping)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

•• Post-Doctoral Study

- Visiting Scholar, University of California, San Diego. Winter-Summer Quarters, 1993.
Sponsoring resident faculty: Professor David Noel Freedman.
- Visiting Scholar, University of California, Los Angeles. Winter-Summer Quarters, 1993.
Sponsoring resident faculty: Professor Scott Bartchy.
- Faculty Study Tour, The Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies, Israel. Winter, 1988.
Sponsored by the Christian College Coalition.

•• Doctor of Philosophy, 1986, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.

- Majored in New Testament theology with minors in Old Testament theology and Second Temple Judaism.
- Dissertation title: “The Concept of Disciple in Matthew’s Gospel: As Reflected in the Use of the Term *Math_t_s*.” (Published in *Novum Testamentum Supplements Series*).
- Ralph P. Martin, Mentor.
- Internal readers: Ralph P. Martin and Donald A. Hagner.

- External reader: Jack Dean Kingsbury, Union Theological Seminary, Virginia.
- **Master of Divinity**, 1977, Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, CA.
 - Majored in New Testament Language and Literature.
 - Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*, 4.0 GPA.
 - Charles Lee Feinberg Award, top graduating student.
 - New Testament Award, most outstanding work in New Testament studies throughout seminary career.
 - Selected as one of the top ten senior preachers.
 - Elected to *Kappa Tau Epsilon* Scholastic Honor Society.
 - Clarence Erickson Memorial Scholarship, granted by the Heaven and Home Hour.
- **Bachelor of Arts**, 1974, Biola University, La Mirada, CA.
 - Majored in Psychology and Social Sciences.
 - Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*, 3.8 GPA.
 - Elected to *Delta Epsilon Chi* National Scholastic Honor Society.
- **Associate of Arts**, 1972, Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, CA.
 - Majored in Psychology.
- **Diploma**, 1980, Chaplain Officer Basic Course.
 - United States Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey
- **Diploma and Rank of Sergeant**, 1968, Non-commissioned Officers Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA.
 - Airborne-Infantry Leadership Training • Airborne Training • Ranger Training
 - Outstanding Trainee, Advanced Airborne Infantry Training Center, Fort Gordon, GA. February-April, 1968.
- **Diploma**, Bolsa Grande High School, 1967, Garden Grove, California.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Professor of New Testament Language and Literature**, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, 1983-present.
 - Dean of the Faculty, 1992—present.
 - Chair, Graduate Department of New Testament Language & Literature, 1987-2000.
 - Chair, Undergraduate Biblical Studies Division, 1986-1987
 - Professor, 1993—present • Associate Professor, 1987-1992 • Assistant Professor, 1983-1987.
- **Adult Pastoral Teaching Staff**, San Clemente Presbyterian Church, 1985—2000.
- **Senior Pastor**, Cayucos Evangelical Free Church, Cayucos, California, 1981-1983
- **Area Director**, Biola/Talbot Extension Education, San Luis Obispo, California, 1980-1983
- **Part-time Instructor**, Biola University/Talbot School of Theology, 1977-1983

- **Senior Pastor**, Carlsbad (now North Coast) Evangelical Free Church, Carlsbad, California, 1977-1980

LECTURESHIPS / VISITING PROFESSOR

- Transform World: Indonesia 2005. Invited author of the documents for the Discipleship Focus Group of the Transform World movement. Presented to the leadership in Kona, Hawaii, February 2005, and to the initial international regional gathering in Jakarta, Indonesia, May 2-5, 2005.
- Oak Brook Conference on Ministry. Jointly sponsored by Fuller Theological Seminary and Christ Church of Oak Brook. Invited Plenary Speaker, Oak Brook, Illinois, November 6-8, 2003.
- Second Asia-Pacific Consultation on Discipleship. Invited Plenary Speaker, Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 9-11, 2003.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Visiting Professor, Spring 2003.
- Evangelical Free Church Missions, West Europe, Church Planting Training Institute 2001. Chateau de St. Albain, Mâcon, France. Invited Guest Lecturer, January 22-27, 2001.
- Singapore Bible College, Republic of Singapore. Visiting Professor, Summer, 2000.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, (Toronto campus). Visiting Professor, Spring 2000.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois. Visiting Professor, Fall 1998.
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. 1997 Huber L. Drumwright Lectures in New Testament, October 9-10, 1997.
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. (British Columbia campus). Visiting Professor, 2/1997.
- Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts. Genesis Lectures, September, 1995.
- World Church Ministry Institute, Seoul, South Korea. Pastors' Conference, November, 1994.
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Theological Fellowship Lectures, November, 1993.
- Seoul Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Chong Shin University, Seoul, South Korea. Visiting Lecturer, October, 1993.
- Bethel Theological Seminary, West Campus, San Diego, CA. Visiting Professor, Spring, 1993.
- Asia Graduate School of Theology, Manila, The Philippines. Visiting Professor, Spring, 1993.
- Tyndale Theological Seminary, The Netherlands. Visiting Professor, Winter term, 1990.
- The University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Visiting Lecturer, January, 1990.
- The University of Sheffield, England. Visiting Lecturer, February, 1990.
- Bethel Theological Seminary, West Campus, San Diego, CA. Visiting Professor, Spring, 1986.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Institute for Biblical Research
 - Executive Committee Member, National Executive Committee, 1996-2000.
- Evangelical Theological Society
 - Far-West Region (President – 1997-1998; Vice-President – 1996-1997; Secretary/Treasurer – 1995-1996)

- Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical and Theological Research, Great Britain.
- Society of Biblical Literature
 - Invited convening member of the Matthew Study Group, 1986-present.
- American Academy of Religion

RECOGNITIONS

- Biola University's "Award of Excellence in Scholarship," 2003.
- Who's Who
 - Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Honored each year from 1996-2004.
 - Who's Who in Biblical and Archaeological Studies, 1986-present.
 - 2000 Outstanding Scholars of the 20th Century, 2000.
 - International Who's Who in Religion, 1990-
- Dedicattee of Biola University's 1998 Student Yearbook: *The Biolan: Elements of Character*
- *Jesus Under Fire*
 - Recognized by *Christianity Today* as one of the top 25 books of 1995, placing 10th.
 - PREACHING magazine (January/February 1996) selected *Jesus Under Fire* as one of the top three books of 1995 for "outstanding merit to preachers."
 - *Jesus Under Fire* was a finalist for The Gold Medallion Book Award/Theology Division, ECPA (1996).
 - *Jesus Under Fire* was also nominated for the Book of the Year Award sponsored by the Conference on Christianity and Literature (1996).
- *Robert B. Fisher Faculty Excellence Award* of Biola University, 1988.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *Matthew*. The NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.
2. "Matthew." *The Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*. Volume 1: Matthew, Mark, Luke. Clinton E. Arnold, gen. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002: pp. 1-203.
3. *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life*. The Spiritual Formation Line: A New Vision for Christian Discipleship. Dallas Willard, general editor. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1977.
 - Korean translation and edition of *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life*. Seoul, Korea: InterVarsity, 2000.
 - French translation and edition of *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life*. Translated by Joseph Paulio Mboudi. Yaounde, Cameroon, West Africa: Bethany Christian Center, forthcoming.
4. *Discipleship in the Ancient World and in Matthew's Gospel*. 2d ed.; Grand Rapids: Baker, 1995.

5. *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins and J.P. Moreland. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
 - *Jesús Bajo Sospecha: Una Respuesta a los Ataques contra El Jesús Histórico* (Spanish translation and edition of *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*). Michael Wilkins and J.P. Moreland, eds. Estudios Teológicos; Colección Teológica Contemporánea. 1995; Barcelona: Editorial Clie, 2003.
6. *Worship, Theology, and Ministry in the Early Church. Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins and Terence Paige. JSNT Supplement Series 87. Sheffield: JSOT, 1992.
7. *Following the Master: A Biblical Theology of Discipleship*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992.
 - Korean translation and edition of *Following the Master: A Biblical Theology of Discipleship*. Seoul, Korea, 1995.
8. *The Concept of Disciple in Matthew's Gospel: As Reflected in the Use of the Term _____*. Novum Testamentum Supplements. Volume 59. Leiden, The Netherlands: E.J. Brill, 1988.

BOOKS IN PROCESS

1. *First Peter: An Exegetical Commentary*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary, New Testament, ed. Clinton E. Arnold. Zondervan. Projected date of publication: 2011.
2. *Invitation to the New Testament: A Graduate Survey*. Co-authored by Michael J. Wilkins and Alan D. Hultberg. Invitation to Theological Studies series. Grand Rapids: Kregel. Projected date of publication: 2012.
3. *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins and J.P. Moreland. Second revised edition. 1995; Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Projected date of publication: 2007.
4. *The Transformation of Peter: Theology, Discipleship, Leadership*. Under consideration.
5. *Taking Every Thought Captive: Reclaiming the Mind and Mission of Christian Higher Education*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins. Under consideration.

ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

1. "Unique Followers of a Unique Master: Discipleship in the Gospel According to Mark." *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 8:3 (Fall 2004) 50-68.
2. "Disciples: Gospels" and "Sinners: Gospels." Slightly revised for *The IVP Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. Daniel G. Reid. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2004: 310-316, 1020-1023.
3. Selections from *In His Image* chosen as contributions for *Side by Side: A Handbook on Disciple-Making for a New Century*, gen. eds. Steve and Lois Rabey. Colorado Springs: Cook and NavPress, 2001: 217-219, 237-238.

4. "Women in the Teaching and Ministry of Jesus," in *Women and Men in Ministry A Complementary Perspective*, ed. by Robert L. Saucy and Judith K. TenElshof. Chicago: Moody, 2001: 91-112.
5. "Education of the Twelve." *Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education*, ed. Michael J. Anthony. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.
6. "Because God is Generous." Lead Article for the Theme Issue: "Giving Beyond Your Means: Your Money and Your Life," *Moody Magazine*, March/April 2001: 15-17.
7. "Disciple; Discipleship and Mission." *Evangelical Dictionary of World Mission*. A. Scott Moreau, ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000: 278-280.
8. "What Jesus Loved." And "What Jesus Hated." Two articles for the Theme Issue: "If We Love Jesus....: A Life Overflowing in Response to Him." *Moody Magazine*, (January/February 2000): 25-27, 28-30
9. "Ralph P. Martin." In *Bible Interpreters of the 20th Century: A Selection of Evangelical Voices*. Walter A. Elwell and J.D. Weaver, eds. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999: 356-374.
10. "Teaching Them to Obey All Things: A View from the Matthean Account of the Great Commission." In *Teaching Them Obedience in All Things: Equipping for the 21st Century*. Edgar J. Elliston, ed. Evangelical Missiological Society Series 7. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1999: 32-66.
11. "Why Do You Claim Your Religion is Right and Everyone Else's is Wrong?" Theme Issue: "Can You Answer...The 10 Tough Questions non-Christians Ask?" *Moody Magazine*, March/April 1999 Issue.
12. "New Beginnings." Theme Issue: New Year. *Decision Magazine*. January 1999 issue.
13. "What Does God Want From Me?" Theme Issue: "That You May Know Him." *Moody Magazine* 99 (November/December 1998) 28-30.
14. "Pastoral Theology," "Prayer," "Regeneration," "Teaching/Paraenesis," "Milk/Solid Food." *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments*. Ralph P. Martin and Peter Davids, eds. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1997.
15. "The Quest for Spirituality in the Light of Biblical Discipleship." *Sundoulos*. Fall, 1997.
16. "Darkness," "Light," "Disciple, Discipleship." *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Edited by Walter A. Elwell. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996.
17. "Scribes," "Disciples, Discipleship, Mentoring." *The Everyday Study Bible*. Dallas: Word, 1996.
18. "Thinking Rightly about Jesus." *Sundoulos* (Fall/Winter, 1995) 2-5, 11.
19. "Introduction," "Conclusion." *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus*. Michael J. Wilkins and J.P. Moreland, eds. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.
20. "Surfer Discipleship." *Vista: Holiness Digest* (June 26, 1994) 8.
21. "A Mission Bigger Than Ourselves." *Sundoulos*. (Summer, 1994) 6-8, 12.
22. "No 'Other' Disciples." *Vista: Holiness Digest* (June 12, 1994) 8.

23. "Balance as a Key to Discipleship." *Ratio: Essays in Christian Thought* (1:1, Spring, 1993) 45-64.
24. "The Interplay of Ministry, Martyrdom and Discipleship in Ignatius of Antioch." In *Worship, Theology, and Ministry in the Early Church. Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin*. Edited by Michael J. Wilkins and Terence Paige. JSNT Supplement Series 87. Sheffield: JSOT, 1992.
25. "Christian;" "Belief/Believer;" "Imitate/Imitator;" "Brother/ Brotherhood;" "Barabbas;" "Bartholomew." *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, ed. David Noel Freedman. 6 vols. Garden City: Doubleday, 1992.
26. "Discipleship;" "Disciples;" "Sinner." *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, ed. Joel B. Green and Scot McKnight, consulting ed. I. Howard Marshall. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1992.
27. "Discipleship in Changing Times." Special edition: "Ministry in Changing Times," guest editor, Gary L. McIntosh. *Sundoulos* (Summer, 1992), p. 3
28. "Named and Unnamed Disciples in Matthew: A Literary-Theological Study." *SBLSP* 30. Eugene H. Lovering, Jr., ed. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1991. pp. 418-439.
29. "Surfers and Other Disciples." *Discipleship Journal* 62 (vol. 11, 2 March/April 1991), 8-14.
30. *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*. I was a contributing author for the religion section of the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* until they ceased publication in 1989. I was commissioned with the task of writing on current issues from an evangelical point of view.
31. "Radical Discipleship." *Sundoulos*, Fall, 1988.
32. "The Mythical 'Biola Bubble'." *Shout*. May, 1988.
33. "Contentment: Balancing The Perfect and the Imperfect." *Connections*, Winter, 1988.
34. *How to Chose A Church Home*. La Mirada: Biola Hour Ministries, 1987. (Revision and reprint of the article from *Discipleship Journal*)
35. "How to Find A Church Home." *Discipleship Journal* 35 (1986) 26-29.

ARTICLES/CHAPTERS IN PROCESS

1. "Eliminating Elitism from our Traditions through the Biblical Reunification of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship," *Spiritual Formation: An Evangelical Perspective*. Richard A. Averbeck and Michael P. Green, eds. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Projected date of publication: 2005.
2. "Peter's Confession of Jesus as the Messiah," *Bulletin for Biblical Research*. Projected dated of publication, 2006.
3. "Petrine Perspectives on Spiritual Formation: Gospels, Acts, Paul, Petrine epistles, and Apostolic Fathers." Under consideration.
4. "Peter's Confession of Jesus as the Messiah," *The Galilean Ministry of Jesus, Vol. 1, The Historical Jesus Project of the Institute for Biblical Research*, eds. Darrell Bock and Robert Webb. Projected dated of publication, 2006.

OTHER CURRENT RESEARCH

1. ***Historical Jesus Study Group***, Institute for Biblical Research, 1996-present. I am an invited participant in a study group which will examine a select number of central events in the life of Jesus as a means for contributing to a historical understanding of Jesus and defending the authenticity of those historical events. Approximately fifteen participants will meet twice a year for ten to twelve years to discuss research on each historical event. Each individual study will be published in a journal, with the combined results published as a monograph at the end of the project.

“The intent ... is to engage in a fresh assessment of the historicity and significance of ten [now twelve] key events in the life of Jesus...” (p. 259).

Jesus’ Galilean Ministry

Date	Subject	Presenter / Author
1999	1) *Jesus’ Baptism	Bob Webb
2000	2) *Choosing the Twelve	Scot McKnight
2001	3) *The Kingdom and Jesus’ Exorcisms	Craig Evans
2003	4) *Sabbath Controversies	Donald Hagner
2004	5) Table Fellowship/Sinners	Craig Blomberg
2005	6) Confession by Peter of Jesus as Messiah	Michael Wilkins

Jesus’ Final Week in Jerusalem

Date	Subject	Presenter / Author
2002	1) *Triumphal Entry	Brent Kinman
2004	2) Temple Incident	Klyne Snodgrass
2005	3) Last Supper	I. Howard Marshall
2005	4) Trial (blasphemy charge)	Darrell Bock
2005	5) Crucifixion (<i>titulus</i>)	Martin Hengel/ AnnaMarieSchwemer
2006	6) Resurrection	Grant Osborne

*presented before the IBR Jesus Project group members

2. ***Theological and Cultural Thinkers (TACT) on Spiritual Formation***. This is an evangelical think-tank sponsored in part by the Navigators to rethink and give direction to discipleship and spiritual formation in evangelical ministries.
3. ***Spiritual Formation Forum***. This study center was originally formed through the Bannockburn Institute, sponsored by Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois. It is now an independent center associated with a variety of ministries, designed to bring together academic institutions, parachurch organizations, and the local church. I am an invited, original member of the Executive Board and the Steering Committee, with the commission to help give Biblical and theological direction to the current evangelical

interest in “spiritual formation” and “spirituality.” My personal commission is to provide expertise from my career-long study of Biblical discipleship. The first volume of papers from the Center, for which I contributed a chapter, will be published with Eerdmans. It is likely the first of a scholarly series.

4. ***Transform World***. This is an international movement, primarily of Third World Christian leaders, who are uniting their efforts to reach their own countries, focusing on the Transformed Individual, Transformed Churches, and Transformed Cities. I am a support scholar helping write the documents for the Focus Group on Discipleship, emphasizing the transformation of the individual. The first gathering is scheduled for TransformWorld: Indonesia 2005, convening in Jakarta in May 2005. Gatherings are scheduled to convene elsewhere around the world annually.
5. ***Spiritual Formation Study Group***, Evangelical Theological Society. This is an academic group that is pursuing the scholarly study of spiritual formation. I am a member of the Advisory Council that gives direction to the yearly theme and presentation of scholarly papers.
6. Biola University’s ***Institute for Faculty Integration***. This is a developing area of research, training and collaboration within Biola University to help faculty integrate Biblical truth and theology with academic disciplines in order to facilitate an informed Christian worldview that will aid in faculty research and writing and in the training of students in a distinctly Christian worldview. Each year I co-lead the seminar with a visiting distinguished professor, among them Thomas Oden, J.I. Packer, Kenneth Kantzer, John Stackhouse, Dallas Willard, Millard Erickson, John Woodbridge, and Wayne Grudem.
7. ***The Severe History of Early Christian Discipleship: The Interface of Spirituality, Asceticism, and Christian Life from Ignatius of Antioch to Ignatius of Loyola***. In this study I am continuing my scholarly examination of master-disciple relationships as found in history. My initial studies were of discipleship in the classical and Hellenistic forms of discipleship in the Greco-Roman world, the world of Judaism, the New Testament era, and the apostolic church fathers. This current study will continue that historical inquiry to examine “discipleship” as it unfolded in church history.
8. ***Freedom to Choose***. In this study I am attempting to help Christians develop criteria for establishing a Biblical life-style, and how to implement those criteria when faced with lifestyle choices.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. “Petrine Perspectives on Spiritual Formation: Gospels, Acts, Paul, Petrine epistles, and Apostolic Fathers,” Spiritual Formation Study Group, Evangelical Theological Society, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November, 2005.

2. "The Confession by Peter of Jesus as Messiah," to the Jesus Study Group of the Institute for Biblical Research, gathered in Tübingen, Germany, July, 2005.
3. "Discipleship and the Transformation of Individuals, Cities, and the World." Transform World: Indonesia 2005. Author of the documents presented to the leadership gathering at the University of the Nations, Kona, Hawaii for the Discipleship Focus Group of the Transform World movement. Initial international regional gathering in Jakarta, Indonesia, May 2-5, 2005.
4. Moderated and co-presented with Larry Crabb (New Way Ministries), John Coe (Talbot School of Theology), and Richard Averbeck (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) four sessions for the Spiritual Formation Study Group on the theme "Spiritual Formation, Spiritual Direction and the Church." Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, Texas, November 17, 2004.
5. Co-moderated and co-presented with Greg Waybright (President, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) and Randy MacFarland (Dean, Denver Seminary) three workshops for the Seminary Track at the Spiritual Formation Forum Conference—"Transforming Discipleship": *Spiritual Formation in Theological Education*: 1) "From Where Have We Come, and What Have We Done?"; 2) "Where Do We Go From Here?"; and 3) "How Might the Seminary Serve the Church?"; Los Angeles, CA, May 19-21, 2004.
6. Response with Millard Erickson and William Lane Craig to Garry DeWeese, J. Scott Horrell, and Klaus Issler on "Models of the Trinity and the Incarnation." Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, November 19-21, 2003.
7. "Disciple-Making: Recapturing the Mission of the Church." Oak Brook Conference on Ministry. Jointly sponsored by Fuller Theological Seminary and Christ Church of Oak Brook. Invited Plenary Speaker, Oak Brook, Illinois, November 6-8, 2003.
8. "Discipling the Nations through the Power of Truth." Plenary Speaker for the 2nd Asia-Pacific Consultation on Discipleship. Colombo, Sri Lanka, July 9-11, 2003.
9. Response to Craig E. Evans "Jesus as Exorcist" (2001), Brent Kinman, "Jesus' Entry to Jerusalem" (2002), and Donald A. Hagner, "Jesus and the Synoptic Sabbath Controversies" (2003), Craig L. Blomberg, "Jesus, Sinners and Table Fellowship," (2004). This is a working task force of the *Historical Jesus Study Group*, sponsored by the Institute for Biblical Research. Six scholars responded to the papers. The meetings are held in Dallas, Texas.
10. "Discipleship and Spiritual Formation." Presenter at the *Theological and Cultural Thinktank*, Sponsored by the Navigators. September 2002, March and September 2003.
11. "The Relationship of the Seminary, the Church, and Parachurch Organizations in Developing Spiritual Formation." Two invited sessions for the *Spiritual Formation Conference*, Center for Personal and Relational Growth of the Bannockburn Institute, held at Dallas Theological Seminary, May 17-20, 2001.
12. "Wholistic Discipleship and Church Planting." Primary lecturer for the Church Planting Training Institute 2001 for Evangelical Free Church Missions of Western Europe, held at the Château de St. Albain, Mâcon, France, January 22-26, 2001.
13. "Biblical Discipleship as Unifier of Missionary Outreach, Christian Education, and Spiritual Formation." Three plenary sessions for the Conference Theme "Reaching

- the Nations through Christian Education.” Plenary speaker for the annual national meetings of the North American Professors of Christian Education, Toronto, Canada, October 26-28, 2000.
14. “Unifying Spiritual Formation and Discipleship: Seeking A Biblical Foundation for Splintered People in Elitist Traditions.” Invited presenter to the North American Professors of Christian Education, San Diego, CA, October 30, 1999.
 15. “Spiritual Formation and the (Uneasy) Pursuit of Christ-like Perfection,” and, “Restoring Splintered People in Elitist Traditions: Seeking a Biblical Reunification of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Ministries.” Invited presenter for the *Spiritual Formation Conference*, Center for Personal and Relational Growth of the Bannockburn Institute, at Trinity International University, Deerfield, Illinois, June 16-19, 1999.
 16. “*‘Teaching Them to Obey All Things’*: A View From the Matthean Account of the Great Commission.” Keynote Biblical/Theological Plenary address, Evangelical Missiological Society, Annual National Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 19, 1998.
 17. “Responding to God, Culture, and Academy: Biblical Leadership in the Theological Enterprise.” Presidential Address, ETS/FWR, May 1, 1998.
 18. “Discipleship as Transformation: The Interface of Biblical Discipleship and Spiritual Formation in Matthew’s Gospel.” The 1997 Huber L. Drumwright Lectures in New Testament. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, October 9-10, 1997.
 19. “The Evangelical Response to the Third Quest of the Historical Jesus.” Plenary Panel (book event). Institute for Biblical Research, National meeting, New Orleans, November 22, 1996.
 20. “Discipleship in Changing Times and Changing Churches.” Far-West Region of ETS, Masters Seminary, April 22, 1994.
 21. “Named and Unnamed Disciples in Matthew: A Literary-Theological Study.” National SBL meeting, Kansas City, MO, November, 1991 (Published in *SBLSP* 30. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1991).
 22. “The Circle of Disciples around Jesus.” Regional SBL meeting, Hebrew Union College/University of Southern California, April, 1991.
 23. “A ‘two-class system of Christians’ in the Early Church? Clarification from Discipleship in Matthew’s Gospel.” National ETS meeting, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, November 16, 1990.
 24. “The Disciples of Jesus among Disciples of the First Century.” Guest lectures at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland and the University of Sheffield, England. January, 1990.
 25. “The Disciples of Jesus among Disciples of the First Century.” National ETS meeting, Bethel Theological Seminary (West Campus), San Diego, CA, November 15, 1989.
 26. “The Hypothetical Linguistic Substratum of the ‘Disciples’ in Mark 2:18ff.” Regional SBL, California State University, San Jose, 1988.
 27. “Greek Disciples at the Time of Jesus: A Reevaluation of K. Rengstorf’s Thesis.” Regional ETS, Talbot School of Theology, 1987.

28. "Socrates and _____: An Analysis of K. Rengstorf's Thesis About Disciples." Regional SBL, California State University, Long Beach, 1987.
29. "The Disciple Concept in the Post-Biblical Jewish Literature." National ETS, La Mirada, CA, 1986.



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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Michael J. Wilkins was born in Glendale, California and was raised in the Southern California area. Upon graduation from high school he spent three years in the U.S. Army, one year of which he was a squad leader in combat in Viet Nam with the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade. On December 31, 1970, not long after returning from Viet Nam, he received Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Dr. Wilkins attended Cuesta College and later graduated from Biola University with a bachelors degree in psychology and social science (*magna cum laude*). He graduated from Talbot Theological Seminary with an M.Div. in New Testament Language and Literature (*summa cum laude*). He took his Ph.D. in New Testament, with minors in 2nd Temple Judaism and Old Testament Theology, at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Dr. Wilkins helped plant an Evangelical Free Church in Carlsbad, California, and was the senior pastor for three years (1977-1980). He was senior pastor of the Cayucos Community Evangelical Free Church in Cayucos, California (1981-1983). He served part-time on the pastoral staff at San Clemente Presbyterian Church as an adult education teacher (1985-2000) and carries on an active speaking ministry in churches, camps, and conferences.

In 1983 Dr. Wilkins accepted an appointment at Talbot School of Theology, Biola University. He served as Chairperson of the graduate department of New Testament Language and Literature from 1987-2000. In 1988 he was selected by his colleagues to receive the annual *Faculty Excellence Award* of Biola University. In 1992 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty and Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Talbot. In 2003 he was awarded Biola University's "Faculty Career Award of Excellence in Scholarship."

Professor Wilkins' first book *The Concept of Disciple in Matthew's Gospel*, *Novum Testamentum Sup 59* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1988), was published in an international venue for scholarly work in the New Testament (2nd ed., *Discipleship in the Ancient World and Matthew's Gospel* [Baker, 1995]). He is an invited participant in the Matthew Group of the Society of Biblical Literature and the "Historical Jesus Study Group" of the Institute for Biblical Research. His book *Following the Master: A Biblical Theology of Discipleship* (Zondervan, 1992) continued his research interest in discipleship. He served as primary editor for a *Festschrift* celebrating the career of his doctoral mentor, entitled *Worship, Theology and Ministry in the Early Church: Essays in Honor of Ralph P. Martin* (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1992). Dr. Wilkins co-edited with his colleague J.P. Moreland an apologetic book on Jesus' earthly life and ministry for informed laypersons, entitled *Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus* (Zondervan,

1995), a finalist for the 1995 Gold Medallion Award. Dr. Wilkins' book, *In His Image: Reflecting Christ in Everyday Life* (NavPress, 1997), develops discipleship and spiritual formation for lay audiences. He has written two recent commentaries: *Matthew*, NIV Application Commentary (Zondervan, 2004) and "Matthew," *Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary*, volume one (Zondervan, 2002). He is currently writing an exegetical commentary on *First Peter* (Zondervan) and co-authoring with his colleague Alan Hultberg a graduate New Testament survey, *Invitation to the New Testament* (Kregel). Professor Wilkins served on the executive board of the Evangelical Theological Society/Far West Region and the national executive board of the Institute for Biblical Research. He has written numerous essays for scholarly publications and practical articles for ministry publications.

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