

Jesus and the Eyewitnesses

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Introduction

Beyond the Jesus of history and the Christ of faith: the Jesus of Testimony

The dominant paradigm: form criticism

Arguments for a new paradigm:

1 Reader expectations

The Gospels as ancient biography (*bioi*)
Eyewitness testimony in ancient historiography

2 Names in the Gospels

3 The principle of eyewitnesses “from the beginning”

Acts 1:21-22; Luke 1:1-3; John 15:26-27

4 The *inclusio* of eyewitness testimony

Mark Simon, Simon (1:16) ---- Peter (16:7)

Luke Simon, Simon (4:38) ---- Simon (24:34)

John	1:35-40	1:40-41	21:15-20	21:20-24
	BD, Andrew	Simon Peter	Simon Peter	BD

5 Mark as Peter’s Gospel

6 John’s Gospel as the testimony of the Beloved Disciple

John 21:24: This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

7 The nature of oral traditioning

8 The psychology of eyewitness memory

9 Testimony as a historical and theological category