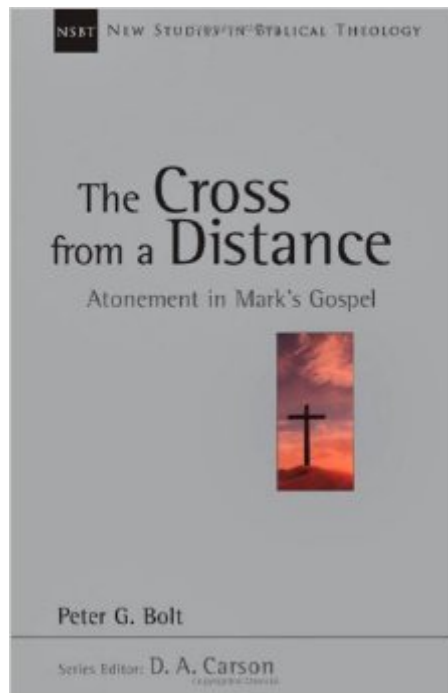


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# The Cross From A Distance: Atonement In Mark's Gospel (New Studies In Biblical Theology)



## Synopsis

"They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha. . . . And they crucified him. . . . Some women were watching from a distance." (Mark 15:22, 24, 40). At the climax of Mark's Gospel, Jesus of Nazareth is put to death on a Roman cross. The text tells us that, in that lonely hour, a group of women were watching the crucifixion "from a distance." In a sense, they are given a stance toward the cross that we can share. In this exploration of Mark's Gospel, Peter G. Bolt looks at why the cross is so prominent in the narrative, asks what contribution Mark's teaching can make to our understanding of the atonement, and shows how this teaching can inform, correct and enrich our own preaching of the gospel in the contemporary world. This New Studies in Biblical Theology volume helps us to stand in wonder before the God who has come close to us in the cross of Jesus Christ and to live in hope for the better things to come. Addressing key issues in biblical theology, the works comprising New Studies in Biblical Theology are creative attempts to help Christians better understand their Bibles. The NSBT series is edited by D. A. Carson, aiming to simultaneously instruct and to edify, to interact with current scholarship and to point the way ahead.

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Excellent guide on Mark. I know you will enjoy this book and It will help you go deeper in the Word.

I have been preaching through the Gospel of Mark verse by verse for the past several months. We

will be finishing in two weeks. Peter Bolt's book on the big themes of Mark and their connection to greater issues in biblical theology is quite helpful. I was a little disappointed in the way Bolt set "religion" apart as something problematic that will get in the way of being a true disciple. His reason for doing so was to point out the problems of the religion of Pharisaical Judaism set in juxtaposition to Jesus' teaching in the New Testament. Certainly, "religion" can be abused, but I don't know if the use of the language in this way is helpful. (Note that the Puritans were completely comfortable with describing true discipleship as right and biblical religion.) Besides that, Bolt was quite helpful in laying out the large themes of the Gospel and my only regret is not reading the book earlier in my preaching series. Certainly recommended to pastors and Sunday school teachers as a great resource. The book accomplishes what the author set out to do.

Another great gift for someone going through some problems in their life. was given as a gift to someone who will deal with personal problems after school.

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