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I have been going back and retroactively reading the introductions for the books I previously read in my own project. Sep 15, Lee Harmon rated it really liked it. This is a big book, pages, but over half of it is a reprint of scripture. After an introduction, Borg goes book-by-book through the New Testament, providing a few pages of overview for each, primarily discussing its historical context, and then presenting the Biblical text.

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Borg humbly admits there is no consensus, and in places, admits his opinion differs from the majority. In general, Borg dates many of the books just a little later than I do. And, of course, we won't agree on Revelation, since in my own book I rely heavily on a historical-critical interpretation to place its date right around the year 80 CE, which differs from almost every New Testament scholar. But while there's no exact consensus, that's *Evolution of the Word: The New Testament in the Order the Books Were Written* really the point.

The point of Borg's book is to portray how Christianity evolved in its earliest years, as evidenced in the writings we have in our Bible. Indeed, the New Testament itself is an evolutionary outgrowth of the Old Testament.

Quite a bit of the discussion centers on Paul, and on the letters written in his name, as this is where the most serious change occurs over the span of the New Testament. Overall, I enjoyed the book but found few surprises, and the reading went fast since I didn't take time to reread all of the scripture. View all 4 comments. I don't know if I'll ever read the New Testament in its canonical order again! Borg's ordering--chronologically by most likely date of composition--provides the clearest window into how the first followers of the Jesus movement understood him and how that understanding evolved over time.

With lucid preface, Borg explains how each text reflects contemporaneous dynamics between the early Christians and the communities and power structures with which they found themselves in tension.

As time went on I don't know if I'll ever read the New Testament in its canonical order again! As time went on, new ways of understanding Jesus emerged. As Borg presented the scholarly consensus on the authorship of certain pseudepigraphic epistles, so many lightbulbs went off in my head. Ideas I'd ascribed to Paul that accommodate institutional slavery, submission to authority, and the subjugated roles of women make so much more sense once I understood how the Christ followers found it more and more advantageous to assimilate to Roman power structures--they became less radical and more domesticated.

The book deeply enriched my appreciation for early Christian history and for each of these scriptural texts.

Mar 28, Steve rated it really liked it. While the vast majority of this book is simply the New Testament text, this is an important and helpful book aside from that. The books in the New Testament are presented in the order in which they were written, not in the typical order in which they appear. Or at least, they are presented in the order Evolution of the Word: The New Testament in the Order the Books Were Written are suspected to have been written, or scholars' best educated guesses in some cases.

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A couple opening essays and short, clear, helpful introductions to each book add real value. An important book for any student of the Bible to have in their library. May 07, Cyndie Dyer rated it it was amazing. Got this from the public library but am definitely buying a copy. Clears up so many misuses of verses taken out of context. If you are fairly familiar with the New Testament then i would recommend reading just his introductions to each book the first time through.

He doesn't say the current order of the New Testament is "wrong" for anyone that would find that troubling. He just explains how the historical context affects the writing and shows at what point the "Christian" movement is for each do Got this from the public library but am definitely buying a copy. He just explains how the historical context affects the writing and shows at what point the "Christian" movement is for each document. Mar 16, Julia rated it liked it. This book arranges the book of the New Testament in the approximate order in which they were written in order to give a better idea of the context in which they were written.

I say approximate because scholars do differ somewhat on the order. Much of the book is actually the texts of the New Testament books. Jul 28, Joe rated it it was amazing. I am a huge Marcus Borg fan, have heard him speak several times and love his approach to Scripture. Being a former history teacher, I enjoy reading his analysis of Biblical text and, in my view, the most realistic approach to what can be a very distorted and explosive read narrow perspective interpretation of this work Jun 05, Scott Kenefake rated it it was amazing.

I'm a huge Borg fan--a must read for the literate Christian or anyone who simply wants to learn about how the NT developed historically. Jun 23, Paul Gibson rated it really liked it. Read the books of the New Testament in the chronological order they were written.

Worth the read. View 1 comment. Sep 30, Greg Reimer rated it it was amazing. This book is a great tool for deconstructing misconceptions about how the Bible came to be! You will learn so many incredible things from Borg's introductions and his ordering of the New Testament.

While I am not fully convinced of all conclusions that biblical historians have on dating and authorship, I was incredibly encouraged while reading this book. It gave me a continued awareness of the importance of context and understanding each text from the perspective of each Bible writer. I do not per This book is a great tool for deconstructing misconceptions about how the Bible came to be!

I do not personally hold to the view that if a letter addresses itself to be from Paul, yet appears to have later theology, that the letter must not be written by Paul.

Everyone knows the New Testament begins with the Gospel of Matthew, but how Evolution of the Word: The New Testament in the Order the Books Were Written know Matthew was actually one of the later books to be written?

It wasn't even the first Gospel! But Evolution of the Word is not your typical New Testament. Marcus J. Borg, esteemed Bible scholar and bestselling author, shakes up the order of the New Testament as we know it by putting the books in a completely new order--the order in which they were written. By doing so, Evolution of the Word allows us to read these documents in their historical context.

For the first time, see how the core ideas of Christianity took shape and developed over time. Borg surveys what we know of the Jewish community of Jesus followers who passed on their stories orally. Into this context emerges the apostle Paul, whose seven authentic letters become the first collected writings that would later become the New Testament. Borg offers helpful introductions for each book so that as we read through these biblical documents, spanning over a century in time, we see afresh what concerns and pressures shaped this movement as it evolved into a new religion.

In this groundbreaking format, Borg reveals how a radical and primitive apocalyptic Jewish faith slowly became more comfortable with the world, less Jewish, and more pre-occupied with maintaining power and control. Evolution of the Word promises to change forever how we think about this historic work.

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Borg gives a nice introduction to each book and then you can read each in the proper historical order of composition. Of course, there is some disagreement Visit Borg online at www.

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