

## Special Issue

# Reading John's Gospel in the 21st Century: Contemporary Reception of a Controversial Text

### Message from the Guest Editors

The aim of this Special Issue is to explore how a controversial religious text held to be sacred scripture by a major world religion can be constructively received within the complex cultural contexts of the 21st century. We invite scholars to think creatively about John's theological voice in the contemporary world from a diverse range of approaches, perspectives, and contexts. Potential contributors should feel free to take either a positive or a negative stance toward the Gospel, as long as the argumentation is well-reasoned and constructively presented. Methodologies ranging from practical theology, feminist criticism, trauma theory, theological interpretation, and historical, systematic, or political theology are all open for consideration. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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