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A Study of Jesus' Attitudes to Women and their Roles as Reflected in His Earthly Life

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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

### Reference Works

APOT	R.H. Charles, ed., The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of
	the Old Testament in English (2 vols.; Oxford, 1913).
A-S	G. Abbott-Smith, A Manual Greek Lexicon of the New
	Testament, 3rd ed. (Edinburgh, 1937).
BAG	W. Bauer, W. Arndt and F. W. Gingrich, A Greek-English
	Lexicon of the New Testament, 4th ed. (Chicago, 1952).
BDF	F. Blass and A. Debrunner, A Greek Grammar of the New
	Testament (trans. R. W. Funk; Chicago, 1961).
CII	JB. Frey, ed., Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaicarum (2 vols.;
	Rome, 1936).
Danby	Herbert Danby, trans., The Mishnah (London, 1933).
Gaster, DSS	T. Gaster, trans., The Dead Sea Scriptures (Garden City,
•	1964).
LCL	The Loeb Classical Library, ed. G.P. Goold (London/
	Cambridge, Mass.).
LSJ	H.G. Liddell and R. Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, 9th
	ed.; rev. H.S. Jones and R. McKenzie with supplement by
	E.A. Barber [1968] (Oxford, 1940).
Metzger, TC	Bruce M. Metzger, A Textual Commentary on the Greek
• , -	New Testament (London, 1971).
MHT	J.H. Moulton, W.F. Howard and N. Turner, A Grammar of
	New Testament Greek (4 vols.; Edinburgh, 1908-76).
ML,	C.G. Montefiore and H. Loewe, A Rabbinic Anthology
Anthology	(New York, 1974).
MM	James Hope Moulton and George Milligan, The Vocabulary
	of the Greek Testament (Grand Rapids, 1930).
Moule, I-B	C.F.D. Moule, An Idiom-Book of New Testament Greek,
•	2nd ed. (Cambridge, 1959).
<i>NIDNTT</i>	Colin Brown, ed., The New International Dictionary of
	New Testament Theology (3 vols.; Grand Rapids, 1975-8).
NTAp	Edgar Hennecke, New Testament Apocrypha (2 vols.; ed.
-	W. Schneemelcher; trans. R. McL. Wilson; Philadelphia,
	1963–5).
NTGNA	E. Nestle and K. Aland, eds., Novum Testamentum Graece,
	25th ed. (London, 1971).

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ment in the Light of Historical Research (Nashville, 1934).
Str-B Hermann L. Strack and Paul Billerbeck, Kommentar zum

Neuen Testament aus Talmud und Midrasch (6 vols.;

Munich, 1974-5 repr.).

Synopsis Kurt Aland, ed., Synopsis Quattuor Evangeliorum, 8th ed.

(Stuttgart, 1973).

TDNT Gerhard Kittel and G. Friedrich, eds., Theological Diction-

ary of the New Testament (10 vols.; trans. G. Bromiley;

Grand Rapids, 1964-76).

UBSGNT Kurt Aland, et al., eds., The Greek New Testament, 3rd ed.

(London, 1975).

Vermes, DSS G. Vermes, trans., The Dead Sea Scrolls in English (Har-

mondsworth, 1965).

Zerwick Maximilian Zerwick, Biblical Greek (trans. J. Smith; Rome,

1963).

#### Journals and Series

AER
AJP
American Ecclesiastical Review
AJP
American Journal of Philology
ARW
Archiv für Religionswissenschaft
ATR
Anglican Theological Review
AusBR
Australian Biblical Review

BETS Bulletin of the Evangelical Theological Society

Bib Biblica

BJRL Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Man-

chester

BSac Bibliotheca Sacra
BT The Bible Translator
BTB Biblical Theology Bulletin
BZ Biblische Zeitschrift
CBQ Catholic Biblical Quarterly

CGTC Cambridge Greek Testament Commentary

EstBib Estudios Biblicos ET Expository Times

ETR Études Théologiques et Religieuses

EvQ Evangelical Quarterly

Exp Expositor
FBBS Facet
Greg Gregorianum
HeyJ Heythrop Journal
HR History of Religions

HTKzNT Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament

HTR Harvard Theological Review

HzNT Handbuch zum Neuen Testament ICC International Critical Commentary

IEJ Israel Exploration Journal

Imm Immanuel



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Int Interpretation

JAC Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum

JBL Journal of Biblical Literature

JETS Journal of Evangelical Theological Society

JJS Journal of Jewish Studies
JNES Journal of Near Eastern Studies

JQR Jewish Quarterly Review

JR Juridical Review

JSS Journal of Semitic Studies
JTS Journal of Theological Studies
LTJ Lutheran Theological Journal

MNTC Moffatt New Testament Commentary

MS Marian Studies

NICNT New International Commentary on the New Testament NIGTC New International Greek Testament Commentary

NovT Novum Testamentum
NRT Nouvelle Revue Théologique
NTS New Testament Studies

PAAJR Proceedings of the American Academy of Jewish Research

PNTC Pelican New Testament Commentary

RB Revue Biblique

RevExp Review and Expositor

RHPR Revue d'Histoire et de Philosophie Religieuses RSR Recherches de Science Religieuse

RTP Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie

Scr Scripture

SJT Scottish Journal of Theology
SNTS Society for New Testament Studies

SS Sein und Sendung

TQ Theologische Quartalschrift

TS Theological Studies
TT Theology Today
TZ Theologische Zeitschrift
WayS Way Supplement

ZAW Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft
ZNW Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaf

ZNW Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft ZTK Zeitschrift für Theologie und Kirche