

THE SUFFERING SON OF DAVID IN MATTHEW'S PASSION NARRATIVE

In this book, Nathan C. Johnson offers the first full-scale study of David traditions in the Gospel of Matthew's story of Jesus's death. He provides a solution to the tension between Matthew's assertion that Jesus is the Davidic messiah and his humiliating death. To convince readers of his claim that Jesus was the Davidic messiah, Matthew would have to bridge the gap between messianic status and disgraceful execution. Johnson's proposed solution to this conundrum is widely overlooked yet refreshingly simple. He shows how Matthew makes his case for Jesus as the Davidic messiah in the passion narrative by alluding to texts in which David, too, suffered. Matthew thereby participates in a common intertextual, Jewish approach to messianism. Indeed, by alluding to suffering David texts, Matthew attempts to turn the tables of the problem of a crucified messiah by portraying Jesus as the Davidic messiah not despite, but *because of*, his suffering.

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mais avec du beurre beaucoup meilleure.*

– Swiss proverb

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<i>ATRSup</i>	<i>Anglican Theological Review Supplement Series</i>
BTCL	Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible
CGSS	Cairo Genizah Studies Series
<i>ITQ</i>	<i>The Irish Theological Quarterly</i>
JCTC	Jewish and Christian Texts in Contexts and Related Studies
<i>JRT</i>	<i>Journal of Reformed Theology</i>
JSL	The Judaic Studies Library
NCBC	New Cambridge Bible Commentary
RCS	Reformation Commentary Series
STDJ	Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah