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This book focuses on the Gospel of Mary in the context of a broader analysis of early Christian dialogue gospels – a popular literary genre used to present Jesus as conversing with select disciples and answering a series of questions on life, death and the cosmos at the conclusion of his earthly career. Jesus’ teachings in these texts can vary greatly, from affirming the resurrection of the flesh to denying it completely. This book highlights the diversity of perspective within this genre, bringing together New Testament, ‘gnostic’ and (proto-)orthodox texts. Yet each text is based on the premise that it contains new or clarified teaching from the risen or glorified Lord, often in the form of a final revelation concerned with the disciples’ eschatological salvation. This book offers a fresh and in-depth analysis of the Gospel of Mary in the context of the dialogue gospel genre, concentrating on the narrative frame, the eschatological teachings and the relationship between the two.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Ancient Sources

1 Apol.	Justin, <i>First Apology</i>
ad Autol.	Theophilus, <i>Ad Autolyicum</i>
Adv. Haer.	Irenaeus, <i>Adversus Haereses</i>
c. Cels.	Origen, <i>Contra Celsum</i>
Dial.	Justin, <i>Dialogue with Trypho</i>
Ep. Flora	Ptolemy, <i>Epistle to Flora</i>
Exc. Theod.	Clement of Alexandria, <i>Excerpta ex Theodoto</i>
Ep. Trall.	Ignatius, <i>Epistle to the Trallians</i>
Her.	Philo, <i>Heir of the Divine Goods</i>
Hist. Eccl.	Eusebius, <i>Historia Ecclesiastica</i>
Or. Graec.	Tatian, <i>Oratio ad Graecos</i>
Phaed.	Plato, <i>Phaedo</i>
Phaedr.	Plato, <i>Phaedrus</i>
POxy.GM	Papyrus Oxyrhynchus 3525 (the Gospel of Mary)
PRyl.GM	Papyrus Rylands 463 (the Gospel of Mary)
Strom.	Clement of Alexandria, <i>Stromata</i>
Tim.	Plato, <i>Timaeus</i>
Vit. Phil.	Diogenes Laertius, <i>Vitae Philosophorum</i>

Modern Sources

AGJU	Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums
AB	Anchor Bible
ABRL	Anchor Bible Reference Library
BCNH:E	Bibliothèque copte de Nag Hammadi: Études
BCNH:T	Bibliothèque copte de Nag Hammadi: Textes
BECNT	Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament

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BZNW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CSCO	Corpus scriptorum christianorum orientalium
CGL	Coptic Gnostic Library
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
HTS	Harvard Theological Studies
ICC	International Critical Commentary
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JECS</i>	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
<i>JSNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTSup	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament, Supplement Series</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
LNTS	Library of New Testament Studies
NIGTC	New International Greek Testament Commentary
NHMS	Nag Hammadi and Manichean Studies (formerly NHS)
NHS	Nag Hammadi Studies
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NovTSup	Novum Testamentum, Supplements
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBR	Studies of the Bible and Its Reception
SEPT	Septuagint Commentary Series
SNTSMS	Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas Monograph Series
STAC	Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum
TENT	Texts and Editions for New Testament Study
TU	Texte und Untersuchungen
<i>VC</i>	<i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>
VCSup	Supplements to <i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
<i>ZNW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>