

## **Editorial**

This issue contains several articles of interest and help to both ministers and scholars. Each contributing author is committed to scholarship in the service of Christ and the church.

The articles in this issue are a selection of the papers presented at the Evangelical Ministries to New Religions conference on Missions to an Unbelieving World. These papers were originally presented at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in March of 2009. The first article is a transcribed and edited version of a debate on the impact and importance of the Gospel of Thomas. I am sure the debate will prove very valuable for our readers who may have heard about the Gospel of Thomas but desire more information on the topic.

The second article is a piece offered by Midwestern Seminary's own Dr. Ron Huggins. Dr. Huggins weighs in on the Gospels debate as well and examines some salient points relating to the Jesus Seminar and the veracity of the Gospels.

The third article is a helpful piece submitted by Alan Branch who teaches ethics at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. This article gives a helpful analysis and critique of the development of the feminist movement and the religious principles that are currently associated with that movement.

The fourth article is a submission from Viola Larson. She takes a careful look at the impact pluralism has had on the way the Gospel is understood.

The final article is by Midwestern professor, Rodney Harrison. He provides a helpful piece on the recent developments within the Emergent Movement and its possible offspring.

This is my last issue as managing editor for the MJT. It has been a pleasure serving our readership. I would like to welcome Dr. Ron Huggins as the new managing editor and wish him all the best. I would like to offer special thanks to Ms. Cheri Smith for her hard work in helping me get the debate article put into printed form.

If you would like to have a Midwestern Seminary faculty member speak in your church, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are more than happy to serve you.

Enjoy!

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