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The bibliography indexes journal articles that relate to the critical study of the writings of the New Testament. There are more than 15,000 entries of titles from about 185 academic journals. Entries are listed in canonical order from Matthew to Revelation. Within each textual unit, entries are listed in chronological order of publication.

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In this age, with its ever-increasing proliferation of material and the availability of online resources, print resources such as the present volume have their limitation. The date of the preface is listed as July 2003, which means that, already, there is two years' worth of publications that are not indexed in this work. Those wishing to be up to date must therefore consult more current resources to supplement the information provided in the present reference tool.

Also, it should be noted that the prohibitive pricing of this volume essentially limits its availability to scholarly libraries.

Nevertheless, by building on previous such works and by collecting a considerable number of entries from a large scope of academic journals, the *Index to Periodical Literature for the Study of the New Testament* performs a useful service for the serious student of the New Testament, seminary student and scholar alike.

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