

Introduction to Exegesis & Narrative Genre

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Introduction to Exegesis

Main point is to build exegetical competence:

- Bible Knowledge in Your Own Language
- Competency in Biblical Languages
- Bible Background Knowledge
- Spiritual Insight

Genres in the Synoptics

- Covered in class:
 - ◆ Narrative
 - ◆ Miracle Account
 - ◆ Parable
 - ◆ Controversy Account

Genres in the Synoptics

- Not covered in class
 - ◆ Discourse
 - ◆ Symbolic Action
 - ◆ Genealogy
 - ◆ Dialogue

The Narrative Genre

- What is a narrative?
 - ◆ Story, account or tale of events
 - ◆ May be either factual or fictional
- Narrative genre
 - ◆ Broad class
 - ◆ Usually prose
 - ◆ May include or be included in other genres

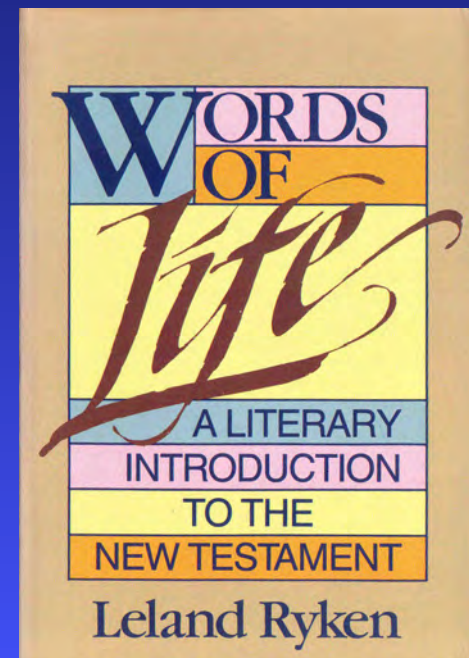
The Narrative Genre

- Components of Narrative
 - ◆ Actors/Characters
 - ◆ Events/Action
 - ◆ Scenes
 - ◆ Plot

Types of Narrative in Gospels

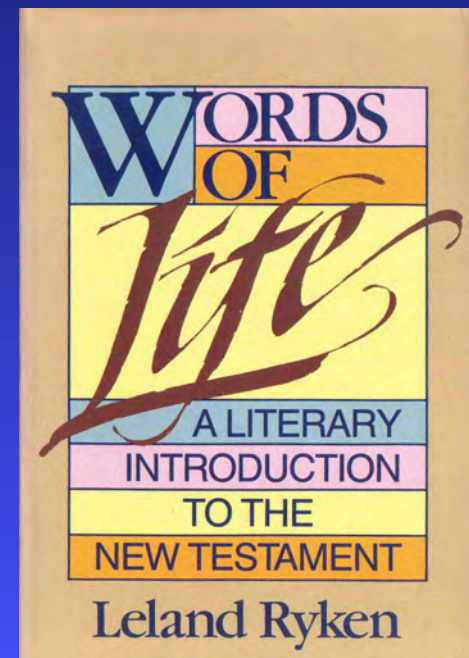
From Leland Ryken, *Words of Life*

- Annunciation/Nativity Stories
- Calling/Vocation Stories
- Recognition Stories
- Witness Stories
- Encounter Stories



Types of Narrative in Gospels

- Conflict/Controversy Stories
- Pronouncement Stories
- Miracle Stories
- Passion Stories
- Hybrid Stories



Interpreting Narratives

Go to it!