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!