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## FROM THE EDITOR

The gospel of Mark and the methodological challenges which this text poses to its interpreters, have been the focus of Cilliers Breytenbach's research for considerable time now. Since his doctoral dissertation (*Nachfolge und Zukunftserwartung nach Markus* 1984), in which he developed a text theoretical approach to include both the synchronic and diachronic dimensions of the text, he has explored further aspects of the gospel. In this study, he analyzes Mark on the assumption that we are dealing with a narrative text and then proceeds to evaluate its narrative qualities with regard to the composition of the gospel.

As participant in a research project of the Centre for Contextual Hermeneutics, he made this material, which was originally published in German, available in an English translation and we are happy to present it in this form to a wider audience. At the moment he is professor of New Testament at the University of Munich, where his mailing address is: Prof. Dr Cilliers Breytenbach, Bergwiesenstrasse 9, 8132 Tutzing, Bundesrepublik Deutschland.

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