

*From the Editor*

*Scriptura* 2 is the first of the technical editions envisaged when the journal was introduced (*cf* *Scriptura* 1 (1980): 5). The aim is to supplement regular issues with more technical papers on basic research in the field of Biblical Studies with a view to critical discussion.

In this edition P J Maartens proposes a methodological approach to a theoretically-founded exegesis, which he illustrates by an analysis of Mark 2:18-22. The author is a lecturer in the Department of Biblical Studies at the University of Port Elizabeth. His special interests are the interpretation of Mark and the contributions Linguistics and Literary Theory have to make to the theory of exegesis.

By employing parallel translations, the author has made it possible for readers without a specialized knowledge of Greek to follow his argument. For convenience sake a separate sheet of the Markan text is provided.

Mr Maartens' proposal no doubt will be of considerable interest to all who are involved in the current debate on exegetical methods. It is hoped that his article will stimulate further discussion and that we will be able to return to this issue at a later stage. Criticism and comments are invited and should be sent either directly to the author, Department of Biblical Studies, University of Port Elizabeth, Port Elizabeth 6000, South Africa or to

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