



MICHAEL BIRD

Michael Bird grew up in Brisbane before joining the Army and serving as a paratrooper, intelligence operator, and then a chaplain's assistant. It was during his time in the military that he came to faith from a non-Christian background and soon felt a call to ministry. He graduated with a B.Min. from Malyon College (2001) and a B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Queensland (2002, 2005). Michael taught New Testament at the Highland Theological College in Scotland (2005-2009) before joining Crossway College in Brisbane as lecturer in Theology (2010-2012). He joined the faculty at Ridley as lecturer in Theology in 2013.



Michael describes himself as a “Biblical theologian” who endeavors to bring together Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology. He believes that the purpose of the church is to “gospelize,” that is to preach, promote, and practice the Gospel-story of the Lord Jesus Christ. Remembered by students for his mix of outlandish humor and intellectual rigor, he makes theology both entertaining and challenging.

As an industrious researcher, Michael has written and edited over twenty books in the fields of Septuagint, Historical Jesus, Gospels, St. Paul, Biblical Theology, and Systematic Theology. His book *Evangelical Theology* was an attempt to develop a truly gospel-based theology (2013). He is the co-editor of the *New Covenant Commentary Series*, an associate editor for Zondervan's *The Story of God Bible Commentary*, and an elected member of the *Studiosum Novi Testamenti Societas* (the international society of New Testament scholars). He speaks often at conferences in Australia, the UK, and USA and is currently working with N.T. Wright to co-author a New Testament Introduction. He also writes a popular blog called *Euangelion*.