*Encountering Jesus in the New Testament (Third Edition)*

**Chapter 1**

**Deposit of Faith** “The heritage of faith contained in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, handed on in the Church from the time of the Apostles, from which the Magisterium draws all that it proposes for belief as being divinely revealed” (*CCC*, Glossary).

**disciples** Followers of Jesus. The word *disciple* means “learner.”

**dogma** A central truth of Revelation that Catholics are obliged to believe.

**Gospel** Literally, “Good News.” *Gospel* refers to the Good News preached by Jesus; the Good News of salvation won in the Person of Jesus Christ; and the four written accounts of the Good News—the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

**heresy** An obstinate denial after Baptism of a truth that must be believed with faith, or an obstinate doubt of such truth.

**Incarnation** The assumption of a human nature by Jesus Christ, God’s eternal Son, who became man in order to save humankind from sin. The term literally means “being made flesh.”

**Magisterium** The official teaching authority of the Church. Christ bestowed the right and power to teach in his name on Peter and the Apostles and their successors. The Magisterium is the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the bishop of Rome (the pope).

**Sacred Scripture** The *written* transmission of the Church’s gospel message found in the Church’s teaching, life, and worship. It is faithfully preserved, handed down, and interpreted by the Church’s Magisterium.

**Sacred Tradition** The *living* transmission of the Church’s gospel message found in the Church’s teaching, life, and worship. It is faithfully preserved, handed down, and interpreted by the Church’s Magisterium.