

Winter Semester 23/24 (Oct.-Feb.)

“Doing Theology in the German Context”

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„But Why in Germany?” Benefits and Challenges of Studying the New Testament in the German Context”

Between daily interaction in the German language, the emphasis at these universities on the biblical languages, and interaction with world famous German scholars at renowned German universities, the minimal tuition costs to study in Germany – to name just a few – there are numerous benefits to studying the New Testament in Germany. At the same time, however, there are also numerous challenges to doing so, including among other things the requirement to pass a German proficiency test to be allowed to matriculate as well as adjusting to the different academic, religious, and political culture in Germany. In this presentation, we will explore these benefits and challenges in more depth, offer tips and advice for others who are considering studying in Germany, share how this experience has positively changed us, consider the pros to studying in German, and suggest several ways we expect studies in Germany to change in the near future.



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