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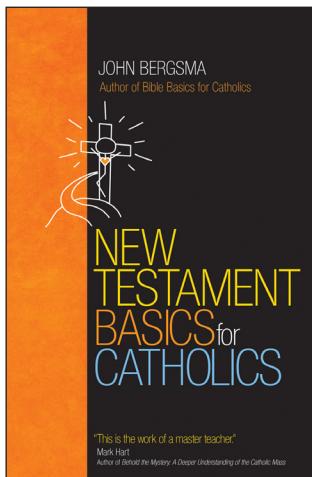
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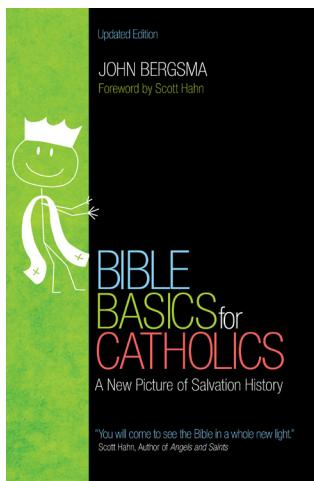
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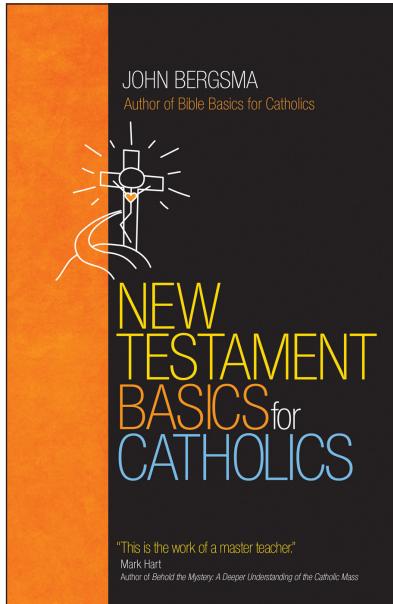
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Bergsma earned Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees and served as a Protestant pastor for four years before converting to Catholicism in 2001 while working on his doctorate in theology at the University of Notre Dame. He specialized in Old Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls, graduating with high honors in 2004. His articles, some coauthored with Scott Hahn, have appeared in the *Journal of Biblical Literature* and other academic and popular periodicals. A frequent speaker at conferences and parishes, Dr. Bergsma has appeared as a guest on *Franciscan University Presents*, EWTN's *The Journey Home*, and Relevant Radio's *Drew Mariani Show*. He and his wife Dawn live with their eight children in Steubenville, Ohio.

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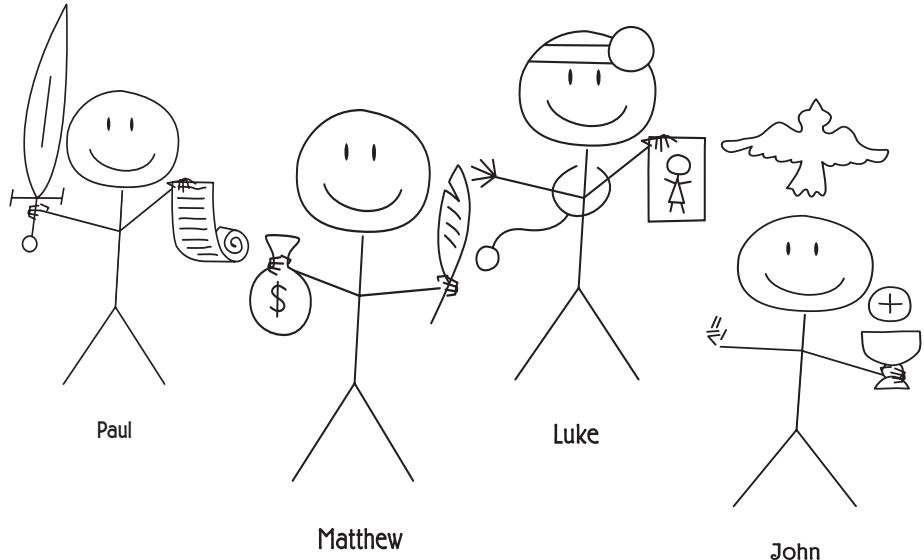
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SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. How does *New Testament Basics for Catholics* differ from *Bible Basics for Catholics*?
2. Why focus on the writings of Paul, Matthew, Luke, and John?
3. What do you hope readers will take away from the book?
4. *Bible Basics* also has been expanded and rereleased. What's different about this edition?