

BibThe—Research Paper Required Outline

Introduction—Build interest; indicate the purpose for the paper, the general nature of the passage being studied, and the exegetical promise of the passage.

Chapter 1: Text and Historical Background

Provide the translation, background study, and word study.

- (1) *Text*—Provide your translation with verse numbers and paragraph divisions. If an English exegesis, provide the text of the English version you are using, and footnote the bibliographic data of this publication.
- (2) *Background Study*—Summarize in a concise and condensed form your background study topic. Overview historical, social, cultural elements.
- (3) *Word Study*—Summarize in a concise and condensed form your word study of a significant term in the passage.

Chapter 2: Exegetical Analysis

Provide the basic exegesis of this biblical passage. This exegesis should be focused on the principal literary context of the passage or topic at hand, as well as a literary analysis of the material.

- (1) *Literary Context*—Overview the literary context of your particular passage in terms of its placement in the immediate and larger outline of the document.
- (2) *Literary Analysis*—Indicate the internal structure of the logic and argument of the passage and an exegetical outline, with critical commentary of the verses.
- (3) *Conclusion/Central Theme*—Conclude by summarizing the main results of the research, what has been learned from the historical background and exegetical analysis. Finally, state the central theme of the passage in one concise sentence as supported by the exegetical analysis, and then expand on the idea. Indicate a central biblical truth supported by the passage to guide teaching and preaching.

Chapter 3: Catechetical Application

Anticipate an application of this passage in a catechetical setting. That is, integrate your research results into an applicable part of the Catholic Catechism (your choice). At the same time, critique the catechism as appropriate according to the research results. Also, interact with an area of the *Verbum Domini* reading where appropriate.