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# ABBREVIATIONS

(This list should be used for submission to the journal and will be expanded each year as required)

<i>ACR</i>	<i>Australasian Catholic Record</i>
<i>ACW</i>	<i>Ancient Christian Writers</i>
<i>AFER</i>	<i>African Ecclesial Review</i>
<i>AJMS</i>	<i>Australian Journal of Mission Studies</i>
<i>BBR</i>	<i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i>
<i>BJRL</i>	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library, Manchester</i>
<i>CCL</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum, series Latina</i>
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
<i>CSEL</i>	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
<i>CTR</i>	<i>Criswell Theological Review</i>
<i>EAJT</i>	<i>East Asia Journal of Theology</i>
<i>ERT</i>	<i>Evangelical Review of Theology</i>
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Heythrop Journal</i>
<i>IBMR</i>	<i>International Bulletin of Missionary Research</i>
<i>ICC</i>	<i>International Critical Commentary</i>
<i>Int</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
<i>IRM</i>	<i>International Review of Missin</i>
<i>IVPNTC</i>	<i>The IVP New Testament Commentary series</i>
<i>JAAR</i>	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
<i>JACT</i>	<i>Journal of African Christian Thought</i>
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JES</i>	<i>Journal of Ecumenical Studies</i>
<i>JR</i>	<i>Journal of Religion</i>
<i>JSNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
<i>JSOT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
<i>JSOTSup</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement series</i>
<i>LCNT</i>	<i>Lenski's Commentary on the New Testament</i>
<i>MJT</i>	<i>Melanesian Journal of Theology</i>

<i>MS</i>	<i>Mission Studies</i>
<i>MTh</i>	<i>Modern Theology</i>
NAC	New American Commentary series
<i>NAMZ</i>	<i>Neue Allgemeine Missions Zeitschrift</i>
NIB	New Interpreter's Bible
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
NSBT	New Studies in Biblical Theology
<i>PJT</i>	<i>The Pacific Journal of Theology</i>
PL	Patrologia Latina
PNTC	The Pillar New Testament Commentary series
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLSP	Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers
SC	Sources Chrétiennes
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SOTSMS	Society for Old Testament Studies Monograph Series
<i>TJ</i>	<i>Trinity Journal</i>
TNTC	Tyndale New Testament Commentaries
<i>TS</i>	<i>Theological Studies</i>
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
VTSup	Vetus Testamentum Supplement series
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
<i>WS</i>	<i>Wiener Studien</i>
<i>WTJ</i>	<i>Wesleyan Theological Journal</i>

# EDITORIAL

This is the last of the volumes on which the previous editor had begun work before they were handed over to me. I take the opportunity once again to thank Tim Meadowcroft for his contribution to the journal and in particular to express my gratitude at his unfailing willingness to help me with my many enquiries and pleas for help during this transition period. I look forward to the opportunity to meeting members of the editorial board and contributors and promoting the journal when I can attend my first MATS conference.