

Abstract

The anti-Jewish statements in the New Testament. This thesis is focused on anti-Jewish statements in the New Testament. In the first chapter, the applied process of localization and selection of such statements is explained. In the second chapter, the rising Christian movement is set both into historical and spiritual context of Palestine of the first century AD. Furthermore, the topic-relevant historical events are highlighted in this part (Easter, the refusal of Jesus' Jewish followers by the majority of the Jewish nation, turn to the mission of pagans, Jewish war and especially gradual separation of the Christian movement from Judaism depicted in the books of the New Testament). In the third chapter of the thesis, the selected anti-Jewish statements are analysed. These statements are located in the First Epistle to the Thesalonians(2, 13–16), Gospel According to Matthew (21,33–46; 23,13–33; 27,24–26) and Gospel According to John (8, 37–47). The conclusion brings the evaluation of these statements, which have first of all constituted a polemic between different Jewish groups and served to strengthening of a distinct identity of young Christian communities. In the past, the interpretation of these statements had been misused in order to justify persecution, discrimination of the Jews as well as hatred against them.

Keywords

Anti-Jewish statements, New Testament, gradual separation of the Christian movement from Judaism, self-identification of the Church, later interpretation.