

This work proposes to introduce to the reader structuralism as a literary movement and apply its methodology to New Testament texts. It sketches its common characteristics, goal and essence, but is also trying to grasp the historical and philosophical background of structuralism and other schools reacting on it or in continual relation to it – semiotics and poststructuralism. Attention is also focused on some important figures from different social sciences inspired by structuralism or those who participated on its origin. Great part of this diploma work is devoted to various exegetical examples of short texts, chapters or whole New Testament books and applying on them structuralist methodology. This exegetical part is followed by evaluation of contributive aspects and limitations of structuralism in relation to New Testament texts.