Introduction to the 5th edition

Changes to the 5th edition:

- A new volume of Text & Textwert (T&T) appeared on the first 10 chapters of John. I have checked all readings and incorporated everything accordingly. A short description of the more noteworthy MSS has been added.
- I have checked the commentaries of Theodor Zahn (Mt, Lk and Jo) and included relevant comments. His knowledge is incredible. If you can read German, get those works. Btw. did you know that Zahn was the cousin of Schlatter? And did you know that even Harnack, a giant himself, was afraid of Zahn, due to his immense knowledge?
- The text of the Subakhmimic (ac²) has been checked from the edition of Herbert Thompson "The Gospel of John according to the earliest Coptic manuscript" (London, 1924). The MS is from the 4th CE.
- Thanks to Stephen Carlson 2427 has been found to be a modern copy of Buttmann's 1860 GNT. I have checked this myself and can confirm it. I have removed therefore all entries of 2427 from the commentary.
- As always numerous minor changes throughout.

Added variants in the main commentary:

Mk 4:11, 8:1, 15:25b

Lk 23:27

Please contribute!
Comments, thoughts, literature ...

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