

# SO YOU WANT TO PREACH THE GOSPEL?

*IMPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM  
FROM ANALYZING PETER'S SERMON IN ACTS  
3:11-26 ACCORDING TO THE NARRATIVE  
PARADIGM*



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# Research Question

*“How does Walter Fisher’s Narrative Paradigm through its application to Peter’s Sermon in Acts 3:11-26 provide insight and application to the evangelistic communication of a Christian?”*

# Overview of Methodology

- I. Description of the Artifact and its Context
- II. Description of the Narrative Paradigm
- III. A Report on the Findings of the Analysis
- IV. Contribution to Rhetorical Theory



# The Artifact and Its Context

## I. Summary of the Passage

- A. Explanation of the Historical Event
- B. Explanation of Jesus

## II. Canonical Context

- A. Christology
- B. Salvation History
- C. Promise and Fulfilment
- D. Covenant

# Description of the Narrative Paradigm

## I. Core Concepts of the Paradigm

A. Story-Telling is Innate

B. Value is Driven by Story

“The absence of narrative capacity or a refusal of narrative indicates an absence or refusal of meaning itself.”

- Walter Fisher



# Description of the Narrative Paradigm

## II. How Humans Evaluate Stories

A. Coherence

B. Fidelity

“The principle of coherence brings into focus the integrity of a story as a whole, fidelity pertains to the individuated components of stories”

- Walter Fisher




# A Report on the Findings of the Analysis

## I. Evaluating Coherence

- A. Material Coherence
- B. Characterlogical Coherence
- C. Orders Human Experience

## II. Evaluating Fidelity

- A. Question of Fact
- B. Question of Consequence
- C. Question of Consistency

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# A Report on the Findings of the Analysis (cont.)

## III. Evaluating Fidelity

A. Master Storyteller

B. "Counselor"



# Contribution to Rhetorical Theory

I. The Christian Call to be a  
Counselor

II. The Resurrection's Role in  
Evangelistic Content

# References

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