Record Nr. UNINA9910786292303321 Autore Strahan Joshua Marshall Titolo The Limits of a Text: Luke 23:34a as a Case Study in Theological Interpretation / / Joshua Marshall Strahan Pubbl/distr/stampa Winona Lake, Ind:,: Eisenbrauns,, 2012 ©2012 **ISBN** 1-57506-686-6 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (150 p.) Journal of theological interpretation / Supplement;; 5 Collana Disciplina 226.406 Soggetti Hermeneutics Exegese Criticism, interpretation, etc. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali English with excerpts in Ancient Greek. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Sommario/riassunto How does one limit a biblical text? Can one limit it? Should one? These questions drive one to examine core assumptions of biblical interpretation, assumptions about the aims and attitudes one brings to the task of reading the Bible. Is the aim of biblical exegesis to uncover what really happened, to discover the author's intentions, to attend to the interpretations of readers-ancient and/or contemporary? Furthermore, should the interpreter approach biblical texts from a position of neutrality, suspicion, and/or faith?Strahan's book aims to offer a (not the) set of answers to these questions by bringing historiographical theory, hermeneutical theory, and theology into conversation, a conversation centered around a case study that deals with limiting the meaning(s) of an enigmatic Gospel text: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34a). Borrowing insight from Augustine's De Doctrina Christiana, this book offers a renewed, ecclesially located strategy for dealing with polysemy in biblical texts, a strategy that holds together many of the strengths

offered by contemporary theological interpreters.