

way forward in pursuing the quest for the Jesus of history and the historical character of John's Gospel.

C. AUGIAS AND M. PESCE, *Inchiesta su Gesù. Chi era l'uomo che ha cambiato il mondo* (Milan: Mondadori, 2006, €17) iv and 263 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 88-04-56001-0.

This inquiry concerning Jesus as the man who changed the world is the product of collaboration between Augias (a writer and journalist) and Pesce (a biblical scholar and historian of early Christianity). After a four-page introduction, Augias raises questions and Pesce replies (on pp. 7-233) regarding those closest to Jesus, the Jewishness of Jesus, various aspects of Jesus, the political Jesus, whether Jesus was a social agitator, Pharisees and other polemics, the mystery of Jesus' birth, the virgin mother, Jesus and his brothers, male disciples and female followers, Jesus the miracle-worker, the reason for his arrest, his trial, his death, his resurrection, tolerance and intolerance, the birth of a religion, the legacy of Jesus, and new Gospels and ancient traditions. Also included are essays on researching Jesus by Pesce and Augias, respectively.

B. BAERT ET AL., *Noli me tangere. Mary Magdalene: One Person, Many Images. Exhibition, Maurits Sabbe Library, 23 February – 30 April 2006, Faculty of Theology, K.U.Leuven, Documenta Libraria 32* (Leuven: Maurits Sabbe Library, Faculty of Theology—Peeters, 2006, paper €24) x and 124 pp. Illustrated. LCN: 2007367326. ISBN: 90-429-1807-1 (P).

*Noli me tangere* ("Do not touch me") are the words of the risen Christ to Mary Magdalene in the Latin Bible translation of Jn 20:17. After a four-page introduction, this volume presents four essays on the figure of Mary Magdalene: S. Van Den Eynde on "do not hold onto me"—a plea for an intertextual interpretation of Mary Magdalene; R. Bieringer on *Noli me tangere* and the NT—an exegetical approach; K. Demasure and H. Devoldere on *Noli me tangere* and Mary Magdalene—a model for women? (a practical theological research); and Baert on touching with the gaze—a visual analysis of the *Noli me tangere* scene.

✓ G. BARBAGLIO, *Gesù di Nazaret e Paolo di Tarso. Confronto storico*, *La Bibbia nella storia* 11b (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2006, paper €25) 312 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 88-10-40272-3.

In this comparison between Jesus and Paul, Barbaglio, author of *La teologia di Paolo* (2nd ed., 2001) and *Gesù ebreo di Galilea* (5th ed., 2005), considers their different lives, historical contexts, and teachings. After showing how their relationship became a problem in modern times, he discusses the dislocation from one world to another, the transition from Jesus to Paul, the two as great converts and extraordinary visionaries, time and the world, the divinization of Jesus, the God of Jesus Christ, Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom and the coming of the church, the Sermon on the Mount and freedom in the Spirit, and Jewish fidelity. Barbaglio concludes that while Jesus and Paul display a real diversity, they are bound together in a profound continuity.

F. BASSIN, *L'Évangile selon Luc*, tome 1, *Commentaire Évangélique de la Bible* (Vaux-sur-Seine: ÉDIFAC, 2006, paper €23) 333 pp. ISBN: 2-904407-41-3.

In his 46-page introduction, Bassin, the author of the volumes on Mark and Paul's letters to the Thessalonians in the series, discusses Luke's work, the contents and sources of the third Gospel, the structure and framework of the narrative, and Luke's theological perspective. Next after a detailed outline of the entire Gospel, he presents an exposition of the preface (1:1-4) and of the prologue (1:5-2:52) under the heading "God visits his people." Then he treats the proclamation of the good news (3:1-21:38) under two headings: the preliminaries to Jesus' ministry (3:1-4:13), and the activities of Jesus in Galilee (4:14-9:50). There are excursions on the particular structure of Lk 1:5-2:52, the poor and the rich in Luke's Gospel, and the renown of Jesus.

R. BAUCKHAM, *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses. The Gospels as Eyewitness Testimony* (Grand Rapids—Cambridge, UK: Eerdmans, 2006, \$32/£18.99) xiii and 538 pp., 17 tables. Indexed. LCN: 2006016806. ISBN: 0-8028-3162-1.

Describing testimony as a form of human utterance that asks to be trusted, Bauckham, profes-