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Intended as a complement to the author's *La teologia di Paolo* (2nd ed., 2001), this volume first considers the formal characteristics of Paul's thinking: theological, traditional (biblical-Jewish, Greek, perhaps Antiochene), epistolary, provoked, provocative and dialogical, occasional, motivating and argumentative, and hermeneutical or interpretative. Then it gives specific examples of how Paul thinks about and interprets the gospel of Christ: the gospel of the gratuitous divine election (1 Thessalonians 1-3); the gospel of the cross (1 Corinthians 1-4); the gospel of freedom for Gentiles (Galatians); the gospel of the revelation of the impartial justice of God (Romans 1-4); the gospel for the justified—new life and well founded hope (Romans 5-8); the gospel of God's fidelity to Israel (Romans 9-11); the gospel of Christ's liberating and self-sacrificing death: the gospel of the risen Christ as the first fruits (1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15); the gospel of liberation through a life of freedom in the Spirit (Galatians 5-6; Romans 6-8); and the gospel of Christ "configuring" Paul the evangelist (2 Corinthians).