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The sixteen essays honoring Professor Holmberg are by Byrskog on from memory to memoirs—tracing the background of a literary genre; W. S. Campbell on Gentile identity and transformation in Christ according to Paul; A. Y. Collins on baptism and the formation of identity; J. D. G. Dunn on the legal status of the earliest Christian churches; B. Gerhardsson on basic facts about the Synoptic parables—what they are and what they are not; J. M. Lieu on “their wives are as chaste as virgins, their daughters modest”—the role of women in early Christian apologetics; D. Mitternacht on Pope Benedict XVI’s historical validation of Jesus’ incarnation; H. Moxnes on constructing the Galilee of Jesus in an age of ethnic identity; B. Olsson on whether the Johannine Christians saw themselves as members of a renewed covenant—Jewish/Christian identity according to the Johannine letters; A. Runesson on whether there was a Christian mission before the 4th century—problematizing common ideas about early Christianity and the beginnings of modern mission; K. O. Sandnes on statues and identity—Dion of Prusa’s (Dio Chrysostom’s) Rhodian discourse (*Or.* 31) and the NT; M. Tellbe on Ephesus and power—early Christian textual prototypes of authority in a local perspective; G. Theissen on the letter to the Romans and Paul’s plural identity—a dialogical self in dialogue with Judaism and Christianity; T. Wasserman on the orthodox corruption of Scripture revisited; S. Westerholm on the Judaism that Paul left behind him; and Zetterholm on “Will the real Gentile-Christian please stand up!”—Torah and the crisis of identity formation.

GOSPELS—ACTS

R. AGUIRRE MONASTERIO AND A. RODRÍGUEZ CARMONA, *Evangelios sinópticos y Hechos de los Apóstoles*, Introducción al Estudio de la Biblia 6 (rev. ed.; Estella [Navarra]: Verbo Divino, 2012, €30) 492 pp. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-84-9945-300-2.

The revised, updated, and expanded version of a work first published in 1991, this volume first provides an introduction to the Synoptic Gospels: the origin and nature of the Synoptic Gospels, and the history of their interpretation and open questions. Then it presents chapters on the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke-Acts, respectively, with particular attention to their literary dimensions, structure, theology, and historical dimensions. Aguirre Monasterio is professor emeritus of theology at the University of Deusto, and Rodríguez Carmona is professor emeritus of NT on the theological faculty of Granada.

O. W. ALLEN, *Matthew*, Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013, paper \$22) xxxii and 284 pp. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-0-8006-9871-3.

Allen, associate professor of homiletics and worship at Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky, describes his work as a hybrid of sorts, combining material found in different types of biblical, homiletical, and liturgical resources. The main part of the volume consists of a 24-page general introduction to Matthew’s Gospel (provenance, sociohistorical tensions, narrative structure, theological themes), overviews of the major sections of Matthew’s Gospel, and comments on the readings from Matthew’s Gospel assigned by the Revised Common Lectionary. He divides the Gospel into five major parts: beginnings—from Bethlehem to Nazareth (Mt 1:1–4:11); Capernaum-based ministry (4:12–18:35); traveling to Jerusalem (19:1–20:34); passion, death, and resurrection in and around Jerusalem (21:1–28:15); and beginning again in Galilee (28:16–20). Also included are lists of readings from Matthew in Year A of the RCL, readings from Matthew in the RCL in the order of Matthew’s narrative, and all passages in Matthew including those not used in the RCL.