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A. PIÑERO, *Gesù nei Vangeli apocrifi* (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2010, paper €49) 382 pp. Illustrated. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-88-10-20656-0.

The lavishly illustrated Italian version of *El otro Jesús. Vida de Jesús según los Evangelios Apócrifos*, this volume discusses the various images of Jesus that appear in the apocryphal Gospels. After a brief prologue, Piñero, who teaches NT philology at the Complutensian University in Madrid and is the editor of *Todos los evangelios, canónicos y apócrifos* (2009), treats the material in ten chapters: where this child came from; the miraculous birth of the hero; days of glory and of persecution; an adventurous return; singular changes and developments; Jesus, women, and sexuality; a tragedy proclaimed; the descent to hell; the end of the persecutors and the dormition of Mary; and the secret teachings of Jesus. G. Ravasi has provided a nine-page preface to the fascinating and varied world of the Apocrypha.