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A. VALENTINI, *Vangelo d'infanzia secondo Matteo. Riletture pasquali delle origini di Gesù, Testi e commenti* (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2013, paper €22.50) 231 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-88-10-20668-3.

Valentini, author of *Maria secondo le Scritture. Figlia di Sion e Madre del Signore* (2nd ed., 2009), contends that the NT infancy narratives must be read not only in the light of the OT Scriptures and Jewish literature but also (and especially) in the light of the paschal mystery in its fullness (that is, Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection). After a 25-page introduction to the NT infancy narratives in general and to Matthew's infancy narrative in particular, he treats the individual passages in Matthew 1–2: the genealogy (1:1-17), the announcement to Joseph (1:18-25), the pericope about the Magi (2:1-12), the flight into Egypt (2:13-15), the slaughter of the innocents (2:16-18), and the return to and settling in Nazareth (2:19-23). Also included are five excurses on the women in the genealogy, the relationship with Luke's genealogy, the fulfillment quotations, the problem of the historicity of the infancy texts, and born of the Virgin Mary.