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M. GRILLI, *L'opera di Luca*. Vol. 2, *Atti degli Apostoli, il viaggio della Parola*, Biblica (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2013, paper €11) 117 pp. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-88-10-22167-9.

Grilli, who teaches biblical exegesis at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and is the author of *L'opera di Luca*. Vol. 1, *Il Vangelo del viandante* (2012), describes Acts as not simply a biography of eminent figures in the early church but rather the story of a voyage—geographical and especially theological—that the word of God makes between Jerusalem and Rome. After a seven-page introduction to keys to reading Acts, he treats the following sections: the life of the church (Acts 1:1-11); the gathering at Jerusalem (2:1-13); the model of church life (2:42-47); the centrality of the kerygma (3:1-26); communicating the faith (8:26-40); the call of an “outsider” (9:1-19); the assembly at Jerusalem (15:1-35); the stop at Athens (17:16-34); Ephesus—how to proceed after the farewell (20:1-38); and the final voyage (27:20-44). Grilli concludes with observations on various aspects of Lukan theology: salvation history; Jesus, the Spirit, and the church in God’s salvific plan; the universalism of salvation; and God’s salvific action and human responsibility.