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The goal of this historical atlas is to provide a useful instrument for better understanding of the geographical scope of early Christianity from earliest times to the end of the 8th century A.D. It first presents fifty-eight color maps ranging from Palestine in the 1st century to Britain and Ireland in the 5th to the 8th century and including Syria, Persia, Asia Minor, Ethiopia, Italy, Gaul, and Germany. Next there is a historical-geographical treatment of the various areas with attention to their political, social, cultural, and religious development. In addition to the main text there are various illustrations (maps, photographs, etc.) and bibliographical information. Also included are indexes (pp. 319-396) of the maps, the names of the cites, their ancient names and modern equivalents, and their modern names and ancient equivalents. The volume was prepared, with the collaboration of G. Pila, at the Istituto patristico Augustinianum, Dipartimento di studi classici e cristiani, Università di Bari, where Di Berardino is professor of patrology.