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D. MARGUERAT AND É. JUNOD, *Chi ha fondato il cristianesimo? Cosa dicono i testimoni dei primi secoli*, trans. R. Fabbri, *Religione e religioni* 19 (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2012, paper €10) 116 pp. Bibliographies. ISBN: 978-88-10-60464-9.

The Italian version of *Qui a fondé le christianisme? Ce que disent les témoins des premiers siècles* (2010), this volume approaches the question of who founded Christianity not from the perspective of modern academic theories but rather from what ancient authors had to say about the matter. After a three-page preface, Marguerat considers the relationship between Jesus and Paul in the founding of the church, and Luke-Acts as the first history of Christianity. Then Junod discusses the opinions of the early pagans on the topic, and the surprising response of Eusebius of Caesarea. They conclude that while Jesus remains the foundation, he is not simply the founder; and that in dealing with the question one must reckon with the impulse given by Jesus, the activity of Paul and other early Christians, and the context of the Roman empire.