

Comentari als Fets dels Apòstols. Volume III. 'Fins als confins de la terra': Primera i segona fases de la missió al paganisme (Ac 13,1-18,23). By Josep RIUS-CAMPS. Pp. 336. (Col·lectània Sant Pacià, 54.) Barcelona: Facultat de Teologia de Catalunya/Herder, 1995. ISBN 84-86065-25-9 and 84-254-1948-4. Paper n.p.

This is the third volume of the first critical commentary on the Acts of the Apostles in Catalan. The general framework of the commentary was outlined in JTS, NS, 46 (1995), 643-44. Its principal novelty lies in the role given to the two main text-types of Acts (Western and Alexandrian), which are printed separately in parallel columns. All the variants, even the minor ones, which derive from the collation of Codex Bezae with the Alexandrian text are also noted and commented upon. This volume deals with the first two stages of the mission to the pagans: (a) Cyprus, Pisidia, Lycaonia and Pamphylia; and (b) Macedonia and Achaia, separated by the Jerusalem Council. The commentary's guidelines for this part are those of the author's previous work *El Camino de Pablo a la misión de los Paganos. Comentario lingüístico y exegético a Hch 13-28* (Madrid, 1984), where he tries to show the tension created by Luke between Paul's determination to go up to Jerusalem and the systematic opposition of the Holy Spirit who tried to persuade him not to go. In the end, Acts shows the Holy Spirit's triumph over Paul's missionary plans, for it is in Rome that Paul acknowledges that the Spirit was right. In this context, the commentary discloses Paul's mission to the pagans as a consequence of successive interventions of the Spirit to free Paul of the Jewish categories in which he was still confined. Even if one disagrees with the author's interpretation, one can benefit from his admirable perspicacity, especially through his detailed and careful search for parallelisms.

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