

closes with a profound musing on Mark's presentation of Jesus' death as a "triumphal failure" (156–57).

With the small caveat that this book might not be suitable for all educational settings, I heartily recommend it.

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Saint Paul and the New Evangelization. By Ronald D. Witherup. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 2013. Pp. x + 147. \$14.95.

Witherup seeks to link the exhortations on the new evangelization made by the magisterium of the Catholic Church with Paul's apostolic life and practices. It is undeniable that Paul's life provides numerous examples of the apostolate of evangelization. Nevertheless, using Paul is not particularly helpful in addressing the unique situation of evangelizing former Christians, people who, either personally or collectively, have renounced the faith they once professed.

The book is a sort of manual, and each chapter concludes with a set of questions intended to help a group discuss the content of the preceding pages. The fact that the book was quickly written leads to certain approximations: the New Testament does mention Paul's origin in the city of Tarsus (22), Jesus' crucifixion is generally located in AD 30, not 28 (23), and the fact that the Philippians' hymn (2:5–11) is pre-Pauline is increasingly discussed among scholars (25). Statements that can be challenged include the observation that crossing the Bosphorus was a "dramatic move" (56); that both sides of the Aegean sea belonged to the Greek cultural world; and that Paul discarded Jewish ritual laws only for pagan converts but stressed their validity for Jewish Christians (94).

I commend many of W.'s points of emphasis: for example, when he underscores our ability to be sent as apostles even if we have not known Jesus according to the flesh (34); the fact that Paul knew perfectly well the persistence of sin in his communities and tried to deal with it (58); and the necessity to call the church a "family of faith" comprised of brothers and sisters (65, 88).

The usefulness of this booklet lies in its practical and accessible dimension, which allows beginners and newcomers to (re)discover Paul's letters with joy.

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Making Sense of Sex: Attitudes towards Sexuality in Early Jewish and Christian Literature. By William Loader. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2013. Pp. vii + 168. \$24.

A catchy title, to be sure. Of three other books on the market with that title, only Loader's is a scholarly investigation of ancient literature. In fact, it is the latest in a