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"The combination of exegetical, historical and theological perspectives in this single volume makes *Jesus the Miracle Worker* an especially remarkable work." (John P. Meir, University of Notre Dame)

"Graham Twelftree's study makes a significant contribution to what has been called the third quest of the historical Jesus." (Bruce D. Chilton, Bard College)

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