

## Annotated Bibliography of Luke-Acts

Banks, Robert

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A very nice little booklet that gives insight in what it might have been like to go to church in the first century. Robert Banks is a professor of New Testament at Fuller.

Bosch, David J.

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THE missiological book of the twentieth century. Extremely well written with extensive sources. A gold mine of biblical theology and mission. A must have.

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Fitzmyer is THE most extensive and helpful verse-by-verse commentary. Very well organized and exhaustive. More like a resource book than a traditional commentary.

Hengel, Martin

- 1974 *Property and Riches in the Early Church*. Philadelphia PA: Fortress Press.  
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Anything written by Hengel is gold. Solid German scholarship. Short but concentrated.

Stark, Rodney

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A sociologist from the University of Washington that takes a very unique view of the emergence of the early church. Rodney Stark is a non-Christian that has taken time to thoroughly understand the rise of Christianity from a sociological point of view. A most excellent read on early Christian sociological situations.

Stronstad, Roger

- 1984 *The Charismatic Theology of St. Luke*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing.  
One of the best Charismatic books on the Holy Spirit. His thesis is that the gift of the Spirit was given for service. Good biblical insights with some shortcomings connected to the Pentecostal insistence on a subsequent work of the Spirit.

Verheyden, J., ed.

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THE most recent and best scholarly overview of Luke-Acts. Although written for the scholarly community it has many riches in it. Current and up-to-date.