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**The Mission of Jesus: Second Nordic Symposium on the Historical Jesus,  
Lund University, 7-10 October 2012,**

edited by Samuel Byrskog and Tobias Hägerland. Tübingen, Germany: Mohr  
Siebeck, 2015. 255 pp. \$72.43. ISBN 9783161533358

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This uniquely Nordic work began in 2010, culminating in its 2015 publication. The back cover summarizes its content:

This volume deals with the mission of the historical Jesus, that is, Jesus' notion of being commissioned by God to carry out a specific task, and his ideas of how to perform that task. Eleven scholars discuss how the mission of Jesus was understood in earlier research and present their own views.

The book has three parts: "Research History," "Historical Context," and "Its Various Aspects." Valuable indexes provide the reader with ancient and modern authors, subjects and the first two WUNT series. Contributors thoroughly documented their findings.

Only academic libraries and graduate schools should consider adopting this volume for the sake of balance. The life of Christ has captured the imaginations of many scholars. The cycles of historical Jesus quests challenge those content with common sense and respect of history at face value. Conservative scholars would point to Festus's accusation that Paul had gone mad through his great learning. How much more those who have specialized in proving fiction fact, and fact fiction? Nevertheless, we contend with the necessity of chasing rabbits.

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