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In this volume Aguirre, emeritus professor of theology at the University of Deusto in Bilbao, collects eighteen of his previously published essays, organized under the following four headings: critical interpretation of the NT (four essays), Jesus in context (seven), origins of Christianity (three), and the Gospel of Matthew (four). After a five-page introduction, the articles discuss the sociological method in biblical studies [§ 30-477]; the Bible from the point of view of socio-scientific exegesis [§ 55-3]; reflections on critical exegesis, hermeneutics, and theology (2009); the literal sense and the other senses of Scripture (2017); Jesus and time (2019); the gospel of Jesus and peace (2007); God, tolerance, and inclusion in Jesus of Nazareth (2020); Jesus' view of power [§ 58-1475]; the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Roman empire [§ 56-710]; the theory of Jesus as a Cynic preacher (2003); the theological meaning of the historical Jesus (2014); the first evangelization (2006); mission and the origins of Christianity [§ 52-448]; house and city in *1 Clement* (2006); considerations concerning Matthew 1–2 (2011); Peter in the Gospel of

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Matthew [§ 34-1120]; the community as a family in Matthew (2004); and Jesus-Emmanuel and the depiction of God in Matthew (2012).