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Abstract

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“After its Galilean beginnings, Christianity soon became an urban religion. The Ancient city in its various forms and conceptions thus forms the primary context for understanding the development of the new faith in the Hellenistic-Roman world. According to Luke, Jesus himself was always moving between cities. In the Acts of the Apostles, we find urban life, tenements, and even lending and borrowing in the ancient guidebook literature. The Pauline mission is oriented toward the metropolises and the main traffic arteries of the Roman Empire. Christianity appears almost destined for the city, and proves particularly successful on urban terrain. Conceptions of the city, such as the construction-metaphors, will soon enter into Christology, and even ecclesiology and eschatology.”