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R. PENNA, *Gesù di Nazaret nelle culture del suo tempo. Alcuni aspetti del Gesù storico*, Biblica (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2012, paper €19) 211 pp. ISBN: 978-88-10-22163-1.

After an essay on the possibly fruitful relationship between the gospel and culture, Penna, author of *L'ambiente storico-culturale delle origini cristiane* (5th ed., 2006), considers what it meant to be a Jew in the time and land of Jesus, offers a documentary comparison between Jesus of Nazareth and the most prominent Jewish figures of the 1st century, and reflects on Jesus of Nazareth and his experience of God—continuity and newness in Judaism. Then he discusses possible Greek elements in Jesus of Nazareth—the terms of the question; Jesus as a “divine man”—a critical verification of a hermeneutical category; Jesus interpreted—comparison with Alexander the Great; and Israel and other peoples in the perspective of Jesus and Paul.