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I. GARGANO, *"Lectio divina" su il Vangelo di Matteo. Vol. 3, I miracoli e il Discorso missionario (cc. 8,1-10,42)*, Conversazioni bibliche (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2010, paper €13.50) 143 pp. ISBN: 978-88-10-71905-3.

After a seven-page introduction to the Matthean "Pentateuch" and the miracles of Jesus, this third volume in an ongoing exposition of Matthew's Gospel [see *NTA* 54, p. 161] treats individual passages in the collection of miracle stories and the missionary discourse in Mt 8:1-10:42: the healed leper (Mt 8:1-4), two other miracles (8:5-17), a mysterious synthesis of the saga of the exodus (8:18-34), the forgiven and healed paralytic (9:1-8), the primacy of mercy (9:9-13), and so forth. Gargano is a Camaldolese monk based in Rome.

I. GARGANO, *"Lectio divina" su il Vangelo di Matteo. Vol. 4, Il Battista, i Detti, le Parabole (cc. 11-13)*, Conversazioni bibliche (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2010, paper €13.50) 127 pp. ISBN: 978-88-10-71906-0.

After a two-page introduction to Jesus' discourse in parables and what leads up to it, this volume [see *NTA* 55, p. 158] presents expositions of individual texts in Matthew 11-13: Jesus at the school of John the Baptist (Mt 11:1-15); a generation that refuses to play (11:16-24); the compassion of Jesus (11:25-30); the accommodation of Jesus to human weakness (12:1-21); blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (12:22-32); the fruits reveal the identity of the tree (12:33-50); an archetypical parable (13:1-23); three corresponding parables (13:24-43); and the treasure, the pearl, and the net (13:44-52).