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M. PICCIRILLO, *La Palestina Cristiana I-VII secolo* (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2008, paper €23) 226 pp., table. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-88-10-82028-5.

In this volume Piccirillo, who has taught biblical history and geography and conducted archaeological research at the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum since 1974, traces the history of "Christian Palestine" in the Roman province of Palestine from its foundation in A.D. 6 to the battle of Yarmuk in A.D. 636. After a fourteen-page introductory survey, he considers the following topics: the Christian community of Palestine from Jesus to Constantine (1st to 4th century); Jerusalem, the new Zion, the city of Christians; the mother of all the churches; the desert of the holy city of Jerusalem; the holy places; and the period of invasions—the beginning of the end of an era. An eight-page chronological table is included.