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mission, the mission of Paul's team (e.g., Epaphras to Colossae, Hierapolis, and Laodicea), the world of 1 Peter and the Johannine Letters (this is admittedly a very brief section), the Apocalypse of John, and, I would say in a natural but brilliant extension of the story, to Ignatius of Antioch and the Roman governor Pliny the Younger, famous for his letter to the emperor Trajan seeking guidance and confirmation for his prosecution of residents of Bithynia denounced to him as "Christians." The book is richly illustrated with photographs, I imagine most of them taken by Fairchild himself. These include photographs of important landmarks from the sites themselves, but also well-selected inscriptions and artifacts connecting with the emerging story of Christianity and its literature. Substantial series of photographs on each site accompany sketches of the history of these cities, sketches of the beginnings of Christian (and often Jewish) presence in these cities, and descriptions of the remains available to be seen today. Photos themselves are well captioned with brief notes highlighting the significance of what is being shown. A number of archaeological site maps completes this package. This is a beautifully produced and well written book that I would commend most enthusiastically, particularly to students (formal or informal) of the New Testament and the early Christian movement.

The ancient city of Ephesus was the largest city in Asia Minor and it was frequently mentioned in the New Testament. The gospel was first shared with the people of Ephesus in the middle of the first century and the Scriptures continued to describe the fortunes of the church up through the end of the century. Gathering all of this data, *Christian Origins in Ephesus and Asia Minor* describes the progress and frustrations of a newly developing Christian community as it struggled to find its way in a hostile secular environment. This volume supplements the biblical account with additional historical information gathered from ancient literary sources, archaeological discoveries, and early Christian sources. Additionally, this book describes the growth and development of several nearby churches in Asia Minor. Ministry from the mother church at Ephesus produced Christian congregations throughout Asia Minor. Mark R. Fairchild (Ph.D. Drew University) is the Luke J. Peters Professor of Biblical Studies at Huntington University. He has visited and researched over 300 ancient sites throughout Turkey that date back to the Greek, Hellenistic and Roman periods.

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