A SPECIAL SECTION ON LUKE –ACTS:
AN INTRODUCTION TO THREE PAPERS

The Luke–Acts section steering committee of the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) annually invites selected scholars to present papers in a themed session at its annual meeting. The themes are strategically chosen year to year to address a range of topics, some being established areas of research that continue to drive scholarly discourse and others being less explored areas of research that merit renewed investigation. This approach serves to generate greater interest in Lukan studies in general and pique the interest of conference participants who must choose from numerous concurrent presentations.

This special section presents three articles originally delivered at different ETS annual meetings, unified by their examination of Lukan perspectives on Jew-Gentile relations and overlapping theological topics. Stanley E. Porter's article, presented at the 2023 meeting on November 14 in San Antonio, TX, emerged from a session themed 'Sin and Salvation in Luke–Acts'. The focus of Porter's paper addressing salvation with respect to Jews and Gentiles in Luke–Acts provided a thematically complementary contribution to two other papers presented the previous year. The second and third articles were presented at the 2022 ETS annual meeting in Denver, CO, on November 16, in a session themed 'Jewish Law and Custom in Luke–Acts'. Zachary K. Dawson's article examines the intertextual dimensions of Peter's vision in Acts 10–11.18, which bear on the relationship between Jews and Gentiles in the early church and extend to Luke's views of soteriology and ecclesiology. Finally, Benjamin G. Frostad's contribution analyzes Luke's understanding of Pauline justification as it relates to Jewish law.

Both the 2022 and 2023 sessions generated substantial scholarly engagement, evidenced by robust attendance and lively question-and-answer periods. Now in their published form, these papers aim to advance scholarly discourse in these important areas of Lukan studies.