Luke's christology is carefully designed. Luke portrays the exalted Jesus as God's co-equal by the kinds of things he does and says from heaven. Through the Holy Spirit, the divine name, and personal manifestations, Jesus behaves toward people in Luke–Acts as does Yahweh in the Old Testament. His power and knowledge are supreme. As the Father's co-equal, Jesus sovereignly reigns over Israel, the church, the powers of darkness, and the world.

Luke deepens this portrait by depicting Jesus as deity who by nature behaves as servant: the earthly Jesus acted among his people as one who serves; the exalted Jesus continues serving his people by strengthening and encouraging them in their witness of him to the world.

The purpose of Luke's christology matches Paul's use of the Christ hymn in Philippians. That the believers in Acts resemble the way Jesus behaved in the Gospel means that they too are now imaging some of his servant-like character in their witness of him. The readers of Luke–Acts should pattern their lives according to the same Christ-like behavior.
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DunRev Dunwoodie Review
EBib Etudes bibliques
EF Erträge der Forschung
EgTh Église et théologie
EH Europäische Hochschulschriften
EHPhR Études d’histoire et de philosophie religieuses
EKK Evangelisch-katholischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
EM Eichätscher Materialien
EpRev Epworth Review
ErThS Erfurter theologische Studien
EThL Ephemerides theologicae lovanienses
EThR Études théologiques et religieuses
EvQ Evangelical Quarterly
EvTh Evangelische Theologie
Exp The Expositor
ExpT The Expository Times
FB hs Facet Books, biblical series
FBib Forschung zur Bibel
FF Foundations and Facets
Found Foundations
FRLANT Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments
GNC Good News Commentary
Gnomon Gnomon. Kritische Zeitschrift für die Gesamt klas-sische Altertumswissenschaft
GNS Good News Studies
GorRev Gordon Review
Greg Gregorianum
GTHa Göttinger theologische Arbeiten
Hermeneia Hermeneia – A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible
HeyJ Heythrop Journal
HibJ Hibbert Journal
HThKNT Herders theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
HTR Harvard Theological Review
IBC Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching
List of abbreviations

IBS  Irish Biblical Studies
ICC  The International Critical Commentary
ICT  Issues in Contemporary Theology
Int  Interpretation
IRT  Issues in Religion and Theology
ITQ  Irish Theological Quarterly
IVPNTCS  The IVP New Testament Commentary Series
JAAR  Journal of the American Academy of Religion
JAC  Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum
JAOS  Journal of the American Oriental Society
JBL  Journal of Biblical Literature
JBR  Journal of Bible and Religion
JETS  Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society
JR  The Journal of Religion
JSNT  Journal for the Study of the New Testament
JTC  Journal for Theology and the Church
JTS  The Journal of Theological Studies (1899/1900-49)
JTS ns  The Journal of Theological Studies, new series (1950-)
JTSA  Journal of Theology for Southern Africa
KBANT  Kommentare und Beiträge zum Alten und Neuen Testament
KEKNT  Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament
LCL  Loeb Classical Library
LEC  Library of Early Christianity
LQHR  London Quarterly and Holborn Review
LThPh  Laval théologique et philosophique
LumVit  Lumen vitae
MileSt  Milltown Studies
Miss  Missiology
MLT  Mowbrays Library of Theology
MNTC  The Moffatt New Testament Commentary
MSB  Monographien und Studienbucher
MThS  Marburger theologische Studien
List of abbreviations

NAC The New American Commentary
NCB The New Clarendon Bible
NCBC The New Century Bible Commentary
NEBKNT Die Neue Echter Bibel. Kommentar zum Neuen Testament mit der Einheitsübersetzung
NIBC New International Biblical Commentary
NICNT The New International Commentary on the New Testament
NIGTC The New International Greek Testament Commentary
NKZ Neue kirchliche Zeitschrift
NLCNT The New London Commentary on the New Testament
NovT Novum Testamentum
NovTsup Supplements to Novum Testamentum
NRTh Nouvelle revue théologique
NSTh Nouvelle série théologique
NT Neotestamentica
NTAb Neutestamentliche Abhandlungen
NTC New Testament Commentary
NTD Das Neue Testament Deutsch
NTG New Testament Guides
NTL The New Testament Library
NTS New Testament Studies
NTTS New Testament Tools and Studies
ÖBS Österreichische biblischen Studien
OneChr One in Christ
ÖTKNT Ökumenischer Taschenbuchkommentar zum Neuen Testament
OTL The Old Testament Library
PC Proclamation Commentaries: The New Testament Witnesses for Preaching
Pers Perspectives in Religious Studies
PGC The Pelican Gospel Commentaries
PhRh Philosophy and Rhetoric
PIBA Proceedings of the Irish Biblical Association
List of abbreviations

PittTMS Pittsburgh Theological Monograph Series
PJPTS Perspective: A Journal of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
PNTC The Pelican New Testament Commentaries
PrinTMS Princeton Theological Monograph Series
PRS Perspectives in Religious Studies
FST The Perkins School of Theology
QD Quaestiones disputationae
Refl Reflection
Ref Rev Reformed Review
Ref TRev Reformed Theological Review
RevBib Revue biblique
RevSciRel Revue des sciences religieuses
RevThom Revue thomiste
RevThPh Revue théologique et philosophique
RivBib Rivista biblica
RNT Regensburger Neues Testament
RQ Restoration Quarterly
SacDoc Sacra doctrina
SacPag Sacra pagina
SANT Studien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
SBEC Studies in the Bible and Early Christianity
SBFA Studii biblici franciscani analecta
SBLDS Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
SBLMS Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
SBLSPS Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Paper Series
SBT Studies in Biblical Theology
SBT ss Studies in Biblical Theology, second series
SC The Second Century: A Journal of Early Christian Studies
SchThu Schweizerische theologische Umschau
SciEs Science et esprit
ScrB Scripture Bulletin
Semeia Semeia: An Experimental Journal for Biblical Criticism
SESJ Suomen Eksegettisen Seuran Julkaisuja. Schriften der finnischen exegetischen Gesellschaft
SEv Studia evangelica
SHR Studies in the History of Religions (Supplements to Numen)
SJT Scottish Journal of Theology
List of abbreviations

SNT  Studia neotestamentica
SNTA Studiorum Novi Testamenti auxilia
SNTSMS Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SNTU Studien zum Neuen Testament und seiner Umwelt
SNTW Studies of the New Testament and its World
SouBib Sources bibliques
SPBib Studia post-biblica
STAT Suomalaisen Tiedeakatemian Toimituksia. Annales academiae scientiarum fennicae, series B
StBB Stuttgarter biblische Beiträge
StBibS Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
SUNT Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments
SWJT South Western Journal of Theology
TBC Torch Bible Commentaries
Them Themelios
Theo Theology
ThF Theologische Forschung. Wissenschaftliche Beiträge zur kirchlich-evangelischen Lehre
ThGl Theologie und Glaube
ThHNT Theologischer Handkommentar zum Neuen Testament
ThI Theological Inquiries: Studies in Contemporary Biblical and Theological Problems
ThLZ Theologische Literaturzeitung
ThR Theologische Rundschau
TS Theological Studies
ThVia Theologia viatorum
ThW Theologie und Wirklichkeit
ThZ Theologische Zeitschrift
TNTC The Tyndale New Testament Commentaries
TRE Theologische Realenzyklopädie
TU Texte und Untersuchungen zur Geschichte der altchristlichen Literatur
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### General abbreviations

- Apg. = Apostelgeschichte
- Aram. = Aramaic
- bib. = bibliography
- bs = biblical series
- cen. = century
- comp.(s.) = compiler(s)
- diss. = dissertation
- ET = English Translation
- Heb. = Hebrew
- lit. = literature
- LXX = Septuagint
- MT = Masoretic Text
- ns = new series
xxii  List of abbreviations

NT       New Testament
nts      New Testament series
OT       Old Testament
par.(s.)  parallel(s)
paren.    parenthesis/parenthetical
qual.     qualification
quot.     quotation
rev.(s.)  revision/reviser(s)
ss        second series
TR        Textus Receptus