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This study contributes to debate about the portraits of Paul in Acts and his epistles by considering Paul's Miletus speech (Acts 20.18b–35) and identifies and compares major themes in Luke and Paul's views of Christian leadership. Comparisons with Jesus' speeches in Luke show how Lukan the speech is and, with 1 Thessalonians, how Pauline it is.

The speech calls the Ephesian elders to service after Paul's departure to Jerusalem, focusing on: faithful fulfilment of leadership responsibility; suffering; attitudes to wealth and work; and the death of Jesus. Paul models Christian leadership for the elders.

Parallels in Luke highlight his view of Christian leadership – modelled by Jesus and taught to his disciples, and modelled by Paul and taught to the elders. Study of 1 Thessalonians identifies a remarkably similar portrait of Christian leadership. The Miletus speech is close in thought, presentation and vocabulary to an early, indubitably Pauline letter.

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Abbreviations (apart from those listed below) are those in the *Instructions for Contributors* of the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, to be found on the SBL Web site (<http://www.sbl-site.org/scripts/SBL/Publications/handbook/SBL-pubs-JBL-inst.html>).

- A1CS The Book of Acts in its First-Century Setting
 EDNT Balz, Horst and Schneider, Gerhard (eds.), *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*, 3 vols., ET of *Exegetisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament* (translators: Medendorp, John W. and Stott, Douglas W.), Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990–3.
- NA²⁷ Aland, Barbara, Aland, Kurt, Karavidopoulos, Johannes, Martini, Carlo M. and Metzger, Bruce M. (eds.), *Novum Testamentum Graece*, 27th edition, Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1993.
- NIBC New International Biblical Commentary
 NIDNTT Brown, Colin (ed.), *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*, 3 vols., Exeter: Paternoster Press, 1975–8.
- SIG³ Dittenberger, W. (ed.), *Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum*, 4 vols., 3rd edition, Leipzig: S. Hirzelium, 1915–24.
- TNT McHardy, W. D. (ed.), *The Translator's New Testament*, London: British and Foreign Bible Society, 1973.
- UBS³ Aland, Kurt, Black, Matthew, Martini, Carlo M., Metzger, Bruce M. and Wikgren, Allen (eds.), *The Greek New Testament*, 3rd (corrected) edition, Stuttgart: United Bible Societies, 1983.

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v.l. *varia lectio* (variant reading)