

# READING ST. LUKE'S TEXT AND THEOLOGY PENTECOSTAL VOICES

## ESSAYS IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ROGER STRONSTAD

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Lukan narrative takes its readers into God's story: how his salvation plan in Jesus began on the slopes of Judea and at the Sea of Galilee, ending on the hill of Calvary and the Mount of Olives, yet moving on and telling how the Spirit descended onto the Temple Mount empowering God's people, who then began to fulfill the given mandate in the presence of the Spirit. Yet, readers of Luke-Acts, throughout the centuries, have had a meandering journey as they have tried to understand the narrative's persuasion and Spirit-references. This book seeks to bring awareness to these challenges by some of the most respected Pentecostal biblical scholars and systematians. Here their vigorous labor with the questions of hermeneutics and theology in relation to Lukan writings have come to fruition. These contributions have been collected as a Festschrift in honor and celebration of the career of Roger Stronstad, a Pentecostal biblical scholar whose contribution to Lukan studies have moved Pentecostal scholarship from shadows into daylight. The editor of this volume invites the readers of Lukan narrative to journey together on the road to Emmaus, as we continue to ponder the events in the past, the present, and the future.

"This is an intensely personal book, telling and celebrating how Roger Stronstad's stamp has shaped Lukan pneumatology and biblical hermeneutics. The well-deserved gratitude of a gallery of great authors is mixed with a rich array of their scholarship, resting on a depth of research. The breadth of interests reflects Stronstad's own, and the result is a treasure trove of material—dig deep and enjoy!"

—**WILLIAM P. ATKINSON**, Chair, European Pentecostal Theological Association

"This fine anthology celebrates and builds upon the work of the distinguished Canadian Pentecostal scholar, Roger Stronstad, whose ground-breaking publications inspired a fresh generation of Pentecostal theologians, many of whom are represented here. The book has been skillfully put together to provide thoughtful insights into a range of New Testament books and themes so as to become, in its own right, a coherent and valuable contribution to the field."

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"This Festschrift celebrates Roger Stronstad through fresh essays from seasoned scholars focusing on St. Luke's pneumatology and also placing St. Luke in conversation with other Old Testament and New Testament books. The result is a themed smorgasbord of rich insights into pneumatology and Lukan studies. A delightful feast for those interested in Lukan studies and Pentecostal scholarship."

—**KENNETH J. ARCHER**, Professor of Theology and Pentecostal Studies, Southeastern University

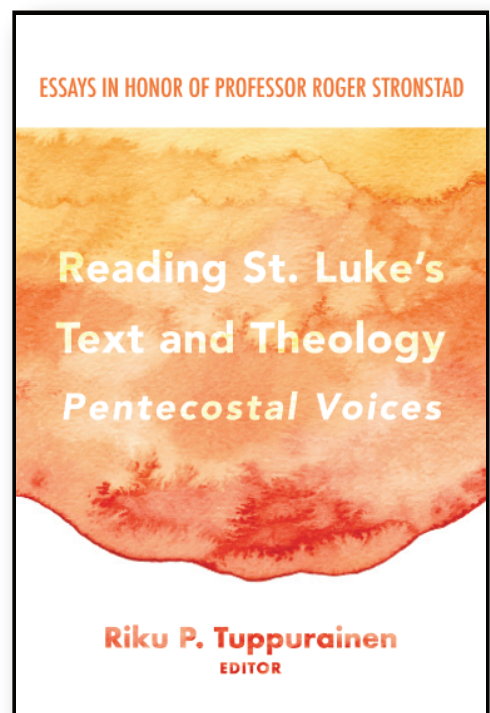
"Stronstad's contribution is undeniable and this volume recognizes the various ways his work has shaped Pentecostal studies."

—**MICHAEL WILKINSON**, Professor of Sociology, Trinity Western University

"For anyone who wants to know anything about the living legacy of Roger Stronstad, the Lukan corpus—and in particular, Lukan pneumatology—and its interaction with other New Testament writings, or the development of Pentecostal theology and praxis, this is a 'must read'! Twenty-one Pentecostal scholars each bring their own scholarship and perspective to a related topic. The highly readable style ensures that this will be a fitting and inimitably Pentecostal contribution to Christian studies for a long time to come."

—**GLENN M. BALFOUR**, Principal, Mattersey Hall Bible College, UK

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