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Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel illuminates passages from Acts that show the Christian gospel expressing itself through the lives, speech, struggles, and adventures of Jesus's followers. Matthew Skinner shows how Acts often describes God as upsetting the status quo by changing people's lives, society's conventions, and our basic expectations of what's possible. Skinner asks serious questions and eschews pat answers, bringing Acts alive for contemporary reflection.

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