

**C. A. Franco Martínez, Jesucristo, su persona y su obra, en la carta a los hebreos. Lengua y cristología en Heb 2, 9-10; 5, 1-10; 4, 14 y 9, 27-28, Studia Semitica Novi Testamenti 1 (Madrid: Encuentro, 2010, paper €23) 421 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-84-9920-020-**

**0.**With particular attention to the Semitic substratum of early Christian proclamation, Franco Martínez, auxiliary bishop of Madrid since 1996, seeks to show that while the author of Hebrews translated the most significant data of the mystery of Christ into new theological categories, there is not a significant rupture between the Jesus of the Gospels and Jesus the High Priest of Hebrews. After a seven-page introduction, he considers Jesus as the leader of salvation: the just one who dies for all (Heb 2:9); and the entry of the sons in glory (2:10), with excursuses on “sons of the heavenly Father” (Mt 5:45); and Aramaic in Hebrews—the justification of a method. Next he focuses on Jesus constituted as High Priest: a priesthood not usurped (Heb 5:5); the prayer of the Son not heard (5:7-8); and the priestly “obedience” of Jesus (5:8-10). Then he treats Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary: the one who passes through the heavens (Heb 4:14); and Jesus and humankind—a communion of destiny (9:27-28). Franco Martínez concludes with general observations on Hebrews and its Christology.