THE QUESTION

Was Matthew the first Gospel written?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

Yes, the early writers in these passages say Matthew came first. Origen reports a received tradition that Matthew wrote first, in Hebrew, for Jewish believers, followed by Mark, Luke and John. Irenaeus gives the same order. Tertullian places the apostles' Gospels before those of Mark and Luke. None of them gives exact dates.

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Origen received a tradition that Matthew came first

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Origen says plainly that Matthew was written first. He does not claim to have worked this out himself; he says he learned it by tradition. He adds that Matthew had been a tax collector before becoming an apostle, and wrote in Hebrew for converts from Judaism.

1

"About the four Gospels, which alone are undisputed in the Church of God under heaven, I learned by tradition that the Gospel according to Matthew was written first. Matthew had once been a tax collector and later became an apostle of Jesus Christ. He wrote it in the Hebrew language and published it for converts from Judaism."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 1 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 11, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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Origen lists the full order of all four

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Origen goes on to give a complete order: Matthew, then Mark, then Luke, and John last. He ties Mark's Gospel to Peter's teaching and Luke's to Paul. This is the clearest statement of writing order in these passages.

2

"The second Gospel written was the one according to Mark. Mark wrote it according to Peter's instruction."

later in the same passage

"Third was the Gospel according to Luke, the Gospel commended by Paul, which Luke composed for converts from the Gentiles. Last of all was the Gospel according to John."

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Irenaeus, writing earlier, gives the same order

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Irenaeus, an earlier writer than Origen, places Matthew's Gospel while Peter and Paul were still preaching in Rome. He says Mark wrote after their departure, then names Luke and, later on, John. His order matches Origen's.

3

"Matthew also wrote a Gospel in the Hebrew language while Peter and Paul were preaching in Rome and laying the foundations of the Church. After their departure, Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, wrote down what Peter had preached. Luke, the companion of Paul, recorded in a book the Gospel preached by him. Later on, John, the disciple of the Lord, who had leaned upon His chest, published a Gospel during his time in Ephesus in Asia."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Tertullian places apostles' Gospels before Mark and Luke

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Tertullian says the Gospel writers were apostles and apostolic men, who came with and after the apostles. He names the apostles John and Matthew first and Luke and Mark afterward. His point is mainly about authority, and he does not say whether Matthew came before John.

4

"We lay down as our first position that the authors of the evangelical Testament are apostles, to whom the Lord Himself assigned this office of publishing the gospel. However, there are also apostolic men. Yet they are not alone, but appear with apostles and after apostles."

later in the same passage

"Of the apostles, therefore, John and Matthew first instill faith into us. Of apostolic men, Luke and Mark renew it afterward."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Tertullian,** *Against Marcion* 2 (c. 196–220 AD)
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Caius counts Luke third and John fourth

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This early fragment calls Luke's book the third Gospel and John's the fourth. It does not name the first two in these lines, but its numbering agrees with the order Origen and Irenaeus give for the later Gospels.

5

"The third book of the Gospel, the one according to Luke, was written by Luke, the well-known physician, in his own name and in order after the ascension of Christ, when Paul had taken him with himself as one devoted to what is right."

later in the same passage

"The fourth Gospel is that of John, one of the disciples."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Caius,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 200–220 AD) *THF's updated English*

Source 10, page 5 **Read it in the library ›**

THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages give an order but no calendar dates for any of the Gospels.
- They do not explain how the Hebrew writing of Matthew they describe relates to the Greek Gospel of Matthew we read today.
- They do not discuss the modern view that Mark was written first, so they neither answer nor disprove it.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 13 early Christian passages and 204 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–13, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 14–127, in Bible order), then 90 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain).

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *13 passages from 6 writers*

Papias, *c. 95–130 AD · source 1*

1 *Fragments* "and the presbyter John. He frequently mentions them by name, and in his writings, he shares their traditions. Our notice of these details may prove useful. It may also be… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 2–5*

2 *Against Heresies: Book III* faced, and their faces were images of the arrangement of the Son of God. As Scripture says, "The first living creature was like a lion," symbolizing His powerful work, His… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** "also issued a written Gospel among the Hebrews in their own dialect, while Peter and Paul were preaching at Rome, and laying the foundations of the Church… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Against Heresies: Book III* these points, all who distort the shape of the Gospel are vain, ignorant, and also bold; those, I mean, who portray the aspects of the Gospel as being either more… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (1885 English; on point 3) "Gospel according to Matthew was written to the Jews… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 6–9*

6 *Against Marcion* 2 **Quote 4, page 3** "to whom the Lord Himself assigned this office of publishing the gospel. However, there are also apostolic men. Yet they are not alone, but appear with apostles and after apostles… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Against Marcion* 5 (on point 4) "it may well seem that the works which disciples publish belong to their masters… [continues online] **read ›**

8 *Against Marcion* 8 "1:5-6. For if, even at that time, the tradition of the gospel had spread… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *On the Flesh of Christ* 22 (1885 English; on point 4) "is, first of all, Matthew, that most faithful chronicler of the Gospel, because the companion of the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

Caius, *c. 200–220 AD · source 10*

10 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 4** "third book of the Gospel, that according to Luke, the well-known physician Luke wrote in his own name in order after the ascension of Christ, and when Paul had… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 11–12*

11 *Commentary on Matthew* 1 (1885 English) **Quotes 1, 2, page 2** "the four Gospels which alone are uncontroverted in the Church of God under heaven, I have learned by tradition that the Gospel according to Matthew, who was at one time… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *Commentary on John* 6 (1885 English; on point 1) "we will begin with Matthew, who is reported by tradition to have published his Gospel before the others, to the Hebrews, those, namely, of the circumcision who believed… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 13*

13 *Apostolic Constitutions* "our sacred books, that is, those of the New Covenant, are these: the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *114 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

14 **Genesis 43:25** They prepared the gifts until Joseph came at noon, for they had heard that he was going to dine there. **read ›**

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15 **Genesis 43:33** They sat before him, the firstborn according to his seniority and the youngest according to his youth, and the men were amazed, each looking at his brother. **read ›**

16 **Exodus 24:4** And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. Then Moses rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. **read ›**

17 **Leviticus 23:5** In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between the evenings, is the Lord's Passover. **read ›**

18 **Numbers 2:34** And the children of Israel did all that the Lord had commanded Moses. So they encamped by their divisions, and so they set out, each one next to the other, by their clans, by the houses of their families. **read ›**

19 **Numbers 10:13** They set out first by the voice of the Lord, by the hand of Moses. **read ›**

20 **Numbers 15:23** just as the Lord commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the Lord gave the command to you and onward throughout your generations, **read ›**

21 **Deuteronomy 6:5** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your mind, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. **read ›**

22 **Deuteronomy 31:24** When Moses had finished writing all the words of this law in a book, to the very end, **read ›**

23 **Joshua 11:15** As the Lord had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses commanded Jesus; and so Jesus did. He did not transgress anything of all that Moses had commanded him. **read ›**

24 **2 Samuel 1:18** And he told them to teach it to the sons of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of the Upright: **read ›**

25 **1 Chronicles 9:31** Mattithiah, of the Levites, the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was in a position of trust over the work of the high priest's griddle sacrifice. **read ›**

26 **1 Chronicles 12:11** Jethi the sixth, Eliab the seventh, (Septuagint 1 Chronicles 12:12 (1 Chronicles 12:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

27 **1 Chronicles 25:16** the ninth, Mattaniah; his sons and his brothers, twelve; **read ›**

28 **1 Chronicles 25:21** the fourteenth, Mattithiah; his sons and his brothers, twelve; **read ›**

29 **Esther 8:9** And the scribes were called in the first month, which is Nisan, on the twenty-third day of the same year; and it was written for the Jews, all that he commanded the stewards and the rulers of the satraps from India to Ethiopia, a hundred and twenty-seven satraps, province by province, according to their own language. **read ›**

30 **Proverbs 2:1** Son, if you receive the saying of my commandment and hide it with you, **read ›**

31 **Proverbs 2:4** and if you seek her like silver, and search her out like treasures, **read ›**

32 **Proverbs 2:14** who rejoice in evils and delight in evil perverseness, **read ›**

33 **Proverbs 2:16** to make you far from the straight way and a stranger to a righteous mind. Son, do not let evil counsel overtake you, **read ›**

34 **Proverbs 5:14** I very nearly came into every kind of evil in the midst of the assembly and the congregation." **read ›**

35 **Proverbs 5:21** For the ways of a man are before the eyes of God, and he watches all his tracks. **read ›**

36 **Proverbs 14:19** The evil will fall before the good, and the ungodly will wait at the doors of the righteous. **read ›**

37 **Proverbs 14:27** The command of the Lord is a spring of life, and it makes men turn aside from the trap of death. **read ›**

38 **Proverbs 15:24** The thoughts of the man of understanding are ways of life, that he may turn aside from Hades and be saved. **read ›**

39 **Ecclesiastes 1:7** All the brooks go into the sea, yet the sea is not filled; to the place where the brooks go, there they return, to go again. **read ›**

40 **Ecclesiastes 9:18** Wisdom is better than weapons of war, and one sinner will destroy much goodness. **read ›**

41 **Ecclesiastes 10:19** They make bread for laughter, and wine and oil to make the living glad; and all things will humbly obey silver. **read ›**

42 **Isaiah 14:3** And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will give you rest from your anguish and your anger, and from your hard slavery, in which you served them. **read ›**

43 **Daniel 3:9** "O king, live forever! **read ›**

44 **1 Esdras 8:94** as has been decided by you and by all who obey the law of the Lord. **read ›**

45 **1 Esdras 9:38** And the whole multitude gathered together in the open square before the gate of the temple toward the east, **read ›**

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46 **1 Esdras 9:45** Then Ezra took up the book before the multitude and sat in the place of honor before them all. **read ›**

47 **Tobit 12:20** And now give thanks to God, because I am going up to him who sent me; and write all that has been accomplished in a book." **read ›**

48 **Wisdom of Sirach 16:14** He will make room for every act of mercy; each one will find according to his works. **read ›**

49 **Wisdom of Sirach 32:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

50 **Wisdom of Sirach 36:20** A crooked heart will give sorrow, but a man of much experience will repay him. (Septuagint Wisdom of Sirach 36:25 (Wisdom of Sirach 36:20 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

51 **1 Maccabees 2:1** In those days Mattathias son of John, son of Simeon, a priest of the sons of Joarib, arose from Jerusalem and settled in Modein. **read ›**

52 **1 Maccabees 2:4** Judas, called Maccabeus; **read ›**

53 **1 Maccabees 2:14** And Mattathias and his sons tore their garments and put on sackcloth and mourned greatly. **read ›**

54 **1 Maccabees 2:16** And many from Israel came to them; and Mattathias and his sons were gathered together. **read ›**

55 **1 Maccabees 2:27** Then Mattathias cried out in the city with a loud voice, saying, "Let every one who is zealous for the law and upholds the covenant come out after me!" **read ›**

56 **1 Maccabees 2:39** When Mattathias and his friends learned of it, they mourned for them greatly. **read ›**

57 **1 Maccabees 2:49** When the days drew near for Mattathias to die, he said to his sons, "Now arrogance and rebuke have gained strength, and so have a time of overthrow and wrathful anger. **read ›**

58 **1 Maccabees 3:55** After this Judas appointed leaders of the people, commanders of thousands and of hundreds and of fifties and of tens. **read ›**

59 **1 Maccabees 5:14** While the letters were still being read, behold, other messengers came from Galilee with their garments torn, reporting in these words, **read ›**

60 **1 Maccabees 5:21** So Simon went into Galilee and fought many battles with the nations, and the nations were crushed before him. **read ›**

61 **1 Maccabees 5:55** Now in the days when Judas and Jonathan were in Gilead, and Simon his brother was in Galilee opposite Ptolemais, **read ›**

62 **1 Maccabees 12:47** He kept three thousand men with him, of whom he left two thousand in Galilee, while a thousand went with him. **read ›**

63 **1 Maccabees 13:42** And the people of Israel began to write in their documents and contracts, "In the first year of Simon, the great high priest and general and leader of the Jews." **read ›**

64 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

65 **1 Maccabees 14:27** So they inscribed it on bronze tablets and set them on pillars on Mount Zion. And this is the copy of the writing: "On the eighteenth day of Elul, in the hundred and seventy-second year, that is, the third year of Simon the high priest, **read ›**

66 **1 Maccabees 15:24** And they wrote a copy of these to Simon the high priest. **read ›**

67 **2 Maccabees 1:7** In the reign of Demetrius, in the one hundred and sixty-ninth year, we Jews wrote to you in the trouble and in the extremity that came upon us in those years, after Jason and those with him revolted from the holy land and from the kingdom, **read ›**

68 **2 Maccabees 9:18** But when his sufferings did not in any way cease, for the just judgment of God had come upon him, he gave up hope for himself and wrote to the Jews the letter written below, which had the form of a plea. It read as follows: **read ›**

69 **2 Maccabees 10:19** Maccabeus left Simon and Joseph, and also Zacchaeus and those with him, a force sufficient to besiege them, and he himself went off to places where he was more urgently needed. **read ›**

70 **2 Maccabees 13:20** And Judas sent in what they needed to those inside. **read ›**

71 **2 Maccabees 14:13** giving orders to kill Judas himself, to scatter those with him, and to install Alcimus as high priest of the greatest temple. **read ›**

72 **4 Maccabees 14:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

73 **1 Enoch 2:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 38:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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75 **1 Enoch 41:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
76 **1 Enoch 62:5** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
77 **1 Enoch 62:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
78 **1 Enoch 89:68** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
79 **1 Enoch 93:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**
80 **Matthew 1:15** Eliud became the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan. Matthan became the father of Jacob. **read ›**
81 **Matthew 1:17** So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the exile to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the exile to Babylon to the Christ, fourteen generations. **read ›**
82 **Matthew 1:22** Now all this has happened so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: **read ›**
83 **Matthew 2:1** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, **read ›**
84 **Matthew 4:12** Now when Jesus heard that John had been handed over, he withdrew into Galilee. **read ›**
85 **Matthew 5:1** Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him. **read ›**
86 **Matthew 8:18** Now when Jesus saw great multitudes around him, he gave the order to depart to the other side. **read ›**
87 **Matthew 9:1** He entered into a boat and crossed over, and came into his own city. **read ›**
88 **Matthew 9:9** As Jesus passed by from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax collection office. He said to him, “Follow me.” He got up and followed him. **read ›**
89 **Matthew 11:1** When Jesus had finished directing his twelve disciples, he departed from there to teach and preach in their cities. **read ›**
90 **Matthew 14:1** At that time, Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus, **read ›**
91 **Matthew 14:22** Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent the crowds away. **read ›**
92 **Matthew 15:29** Jesus departed from there and came near to the sea of Galilee; and he went up on the mountain and sat there. **read ›**
93 **Matthew 15:39** Then he sent away the crowds, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala. **read ›**
94 **Matthew 17:11** Jesus answered them, “Elijah indeed comes first, and will restore all things; **read ›**
95 **Matthew 17:22** While they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be handed over into the hands of men, **read ›**
96 **Matthew 18:1** In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” **read ›**
97 **Matthew 19:1** When Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan. **read ›**
98 **Matthew 19:30** But many will be last who are first, and first who are last. **read ›**
99 **Matthew 20:16** So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen.” **read ›**
100 **Matthew 21:31** Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes are going before you into the kingdom of God. **read ›**
101 **Matthew 23:6** and love the place of honor at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, **read ›**
102 **Matthew 24:14** This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end shall come. **read ›**
103 **Matthew 26:1** When Jesus had finished all these words, he said to his disciples, **read ›**
104 **Matthew 27:9** Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him—the one whom some of the sons of Israel had valued, **read ›**
105 **Matthew 28:15** So they took the money and did as they were told. This saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continues until today. **read ›**
106 **Mark 1:1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **read ›**

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107 **Mark 1:14** Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, **read ›**

108 **Mark 1:39** He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and casting out demons. **read ›**

109 **Mark 3:18** Andrew; Philip; Bartholomew; Matthew; Thomas; James, the son of Alphaeus; Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot; **read ›**

110 **Mark 6:30** The apostles gathered themselves together to Jesus, and they told him all things, whatever they had done, and whatever they had taught. **read ›**

111 **Mark 10:31** But many who are first will be last, and the last first." **read ›**

112 **Mark 12:39** and to get the best seats in the synagogues and the best places at feasts, **read ›**

113 **Mark 13:3** As he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, **read ›**

114 **Mark 13:10** The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. **read ›**

115 **Mark 14:33** He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be greatly troubled and distressed. **read ›**

116 **Mark 16:9** Now when he had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. **read ›**

117 **Luke 1:2** even as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word delivered them to us, **read ›**

118 **Luke 1:3** it seemed good to me also, having followed all things carefully from the beginning, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, **read ›**

119 **John 19:20** Therefore many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. **read ›**

120 **Acts 2:42** They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. **read ›**

121 **Acts 8:23** For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the bond of unrighteousness." **read ›**

122 **Acts 11:4** But Peter began, and explained to them in order, saying, **read ›**

123 **Acts 16:4** As they passed through the cities, they delivered the decrees decided by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for them to observe. **read ›**

124 **1 Corinthians 11:2** Now I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in all things, and hold firm the traditions, even as I delivered them to you. **read ›**

125 **1 Corinthians 12:28** God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, and kinds of tongues. **read ›**

126 **2 Thessalonians 2:15** So then, brothers, stand firm and hold the traditions which you were taught by us, whether by word or by letter. **read ›**

127 **2 Thessalonians 3:6** Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw from every brother who walks in a disorderly way and not according to the tradition which they received from us. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *90 verses, by reference*

Partly machine-linked: related to the passages, not always quoted in them. Each reference links to the verse in our audio Bible.

Genesis 1:5

Psalms 24:7

Proverbs 1:11

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Song of Solomon 3:6

Isaiah 65:5

Jeremiah 23:20 · 23:30

Daniel 1:1 · 3:26 · 7:1 · 10:16 · 10:18 · 12:3

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Matthew 1:1 · 1:18 · 3:13 · 3:15 · 3:16 · 5:10 · 5:13 · 5:18 · 5:42 · 6:1 · 10:23 · 10:29 · 13:8 · 16:23 · 17:1 · 22:10
Mark 2:17 · 9:2 · 14:62
Luke 1:35 · 17:19 · 19:12
John 1:1 · 1:3 · 1:14 · 1:26 · 2:1 · 2:4 · 3:6 · 4:16 · 4:24 · 14:2 · 18:28 · 19:13 · 19:31 · 20:30 · 21:22
Acts 10:37 · 19:2
Romans 1:3
1 Corinthians 1:19 · 1:27 · 2:9 · 5:7 · 11:3 · 15:20
2 Corinthians 5:17 · 8:9
Galatians 2:2 · 3:8
Ephesians 1:10 · 1:23
Philippians 3:10 · 4:3
Colossians 1:5 · 1:6 · 1:15 · 1:18 · 1:19 · 1:20 · 1:21 · 1:22 · 1:24 · 2:8 · 2:13 · 2:16 · 2:18 · 2:22
2 Thessalonians 2:1
2 Timothy 2:8
Hebrews 9:27
1 John 1:1 · 5:7
Revelation 1:9 · 11:3 · 22:7

Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

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