THE QUESTION

Was the Gospel of Matthew written before the Gospel of Mark?

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

Yes. Irenaeus and Origen say Matthew wrote first and Mark wrote after him. Irenaeus says Mark wrote down Peter's preaching after Peter and Paul's departure, and Origen says he learned by tradition that Matthew was written first and Mark second. None of the writers gives exact dates.

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Irenaeus puts Matthew first, then Mark

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

Irenaeus says Matthew wrote a Gospel in Hebrew while Peter and Paul were preaching in Rome. Then, after their departure, Mark, Peter's disciple and interpreter, wrote down what Peter had preached. In his account, Mark's Gospel comes after Matthew's.

1

> "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."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Against Heresies: Book III* (c. 175–202 AD)
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POINT 2 OF 4

Origen received a tradition: Matthew first, Mark second

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

Origen says plainly that he learned by tradition that Matthew's Gospel was written first, in Hebrew, for converts from Judaism, and that Mark's was the second, written by Peter's instruction. In another work he repeats that Matthew is said by tradition to have published his Gospel before the others.

2

> "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."

later in the same passage

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

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 1 (c. 215–254 AD)
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3 “Let us try to see as clearly as we can what the meaning of each is, and how they differ from one another. And we will begin with Matthew, who by tradition is said to have published his Gospel before the others, to the Hebrews, namely, those of the circumcision who believed.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on John* 6 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 15, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Tertullian ranks apostles before their followers

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

Tertullian names John and Matthew as apostles who first instill faith, and Luke and Mark as apostolic men who renew it afterward. He is ranking the writers by apostolic standing, so this does not say Matthew's book was written before Mark's, and he gives no date for either book.

4 “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) **Source 11, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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Mark wrote down what Peter preached

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

Clement of Alexandria also ties Mark's Gospel to Peter. He says Mark, Peter's follower, wrote while Peter was preaching at Rome, so the hearers could remember what had been spoken. He does not compare Mark's timing with Matthew's.

5 “Mark, Peter's follower, wrote what is called the Gospel according to Mark while Peter was publicly preaching the Gospel at Rome before some of Caesar's equites and giving many testimonies about Christ. He did this so that they might be able to remember what had been spoken.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 8, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don’t tell us

- These passages report a tradition about the order; they do not give exact years for when Matthew or Mark was written.
- They do not say whether Mark used Matthew's Gospel or how the wording of the two is related.
- Clement places Mark's writing during Peter's preaching at Rome, while Irenaeus places it after Peter and Paul's departure, so the exact timing of Mark is not settled.
- 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 16 early Christian passages and 183 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–16, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 17–128, in Bible order), then 71 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). “… [continues online]” marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *16 passages from 6 writers*

Papias, *c. 95–130 AD · source 1*

1 *Fragments* (on point 4) “the extracts already made, we will add, as a matter of primary importance, a tradition regarding Mark, who wrote the Gospel, which Papias stated in these words: The presbyter said… [continues online] **read ›**

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 2–7*

2 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English) **Quote 1, page 2** “their departure, Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, did also hand down to us in writing what had been preached by Peter… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book III* royal power; the second living creature was like a calf, signifying His sacrificial and priestly order; the third had, as it were, the face of a man—clearly describing His… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 1) “Wherefore also Mark, the interpreter and follower of Peter, does thus commence his Gospel narrative: “The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Against Heresies: Book III* “Mark also says: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 1) “the Ebionites, who use Matthew’s Gospel only, are confuted out of this very same, making false suppositions with regard to the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

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7 *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 ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 8–9*

8 *Fragments* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** "my son, salutes you. Mark, the follower of Peter, while Peter publicly preached the Gospel at Rome before some of Cæsar's equites, and adduced many testimonies to Christ, in… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 5 (on point 4) "These things are written in the Gospel according to Mark… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 10–12*

10 *Against Marcion* 5 (on point 3) "it may well seem that the works which disciples publish belong to their masters… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Against Marcion* 2 **Quote 4, page 3** "now have our answer to the Antitheses, briefly set out by us. I now pass on to give proof of the Gospel — not, to be sure, of Jewry, but of… [continues online] **read ›**

12 *On the Flesh of Christ* 22 (1885 English; on point 3) "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 13*

13 *Fragments* 1 I. He arranged the things he was present for in this way. The third book of the Gospel, the one according to Luke, was written by Luke, the well-known physician, … [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 14–16*

14 *Commentary on Matthew* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 2, page 2** "so does Mark my son. 1 Peter 5:13 And third, was that according to Luke, the Gospel commended by Paul, which he composed for the converts from the Gentiles… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *Commentary on John* 6 (1885 English) **Quote 3, page 3** "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 ›**

16 *Commentary on John* 1 "addition to what we have said, there is also this to be considered about the Gospel. In the first place, it is the Gospel of Christ Jesus, the head of… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *112 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

17 **Genesis 4:18** To Enoch was born Gaidad; Gaidad fathered Mahalalel; Mahalalel fathered Methuselah; and Methuselah fathered Lamech. **read ›**

18 **Genesis 33:2** He put the two maidservants and their sons first, Leah and her children behind them, and Rachel and Joseph last. **read ›**

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

20 **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 ›**

21 **Genesis 48:18** And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head." **read ›**

22 **Numbers 1:19** as the Lord had commanded Moses; and they were numbered in the wilderness of Sinai. **read ›**

23 **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 ›**

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

25 **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 ›**

26 **Deuteronomy 21:15** If a man has two wives, one loved and the other hated, and both the loved and the hated have borne him children, and the firstborn son is the hated wife's, **read ›**

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27 **Deuteronomy 21:17** But he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the hated wife, by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his children; the birthright belongs to him. **read ›**

28 **Judges 5:9** My heart is toward the things ordained for Israel; you who offer yourselves willingly among the people, bless the Lord. **read ›**

29 **1 Chronicles 1:1** Adam, Seth, Enosh, **read ›**

30 **1 Chronicles 1:2** Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, **read ›**

31 **1 Chronicles 1:3** Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, **read ›**

32 **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 ›**

33 **1 Chronicles 12:11** Jethi the sixth, Eliab the seventh, (Septuagint 1 Chronicles 12:12 (1 Chronicles 12:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

34 **1 Chronicles 25:16** the ninth, Mattaniah; his sons and his brothers, twelve; **read ›**

35 **1 Chronicles 25:21** the fourteenth, Mattithiah; his sons and his brothers, twelve; **read ›**

36 **Ezra 6:12** And may the God whose name dwells there overthrow every king and people who shall stretch out his hand to alter or destroy the house of God in Jerusalem. I Darius have issued the decree; let it be done diligently. **read ›**

37 **Nehemiah 10:37** And the firstfruits of our grain, and the fruit of every tree, of wine and of oil, we will bring to the priests, to the treasury of the house of God; and the tithe of our land to the Levites; and the Levites themselves will take the tithes in all the cities of our labor. (Septuagint 2 Esdras 20:38 (Nehemiah 10:37 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

38 **Esther 9:9** and Marmasima, and Rhuphaeus, and Arsaeus, and Zabutheus, **read ›**

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

40 **Proverbs 2:3** for if you call upon wisdom, and give your voice to understanding, **read ›**

41 **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 ›**

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

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

44 **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 ›**

45 **Proverbs 16:18** Arrogance goes before ruin, and wrong-headedness before a fall. **read ›**

46 **Proverbs 16:21** The wise and understanding they call worthless, but those who are sweet in speech will hear more. **read ›**

47 **Ecclesiastes 2:23** for all his days are days of pains, and his distraction is one of anger; even at night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. **read ›**

48 **Ecclesiastes 10:12** The words of a wise man's mouth are grace, but the lips of a fool will swallow him up. **read ›**

49 **Ecclesiastes 11:7** And the light is sweet, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun. **read ›**

50 **1 Esdras 3:17** And they said to them, "Tell us about what is written." Then the first, who had spoken of the strength of wine, began, **read ›**

51 **1 Esdras 6:12** We questioned them, therefore, in order to inform you and to write down for you the men who were in charge, and we asked them for the list of names of their chief men. **read ›**

52 **1 Esdras 8:94** as has been decided by you and by all who obey the law of the Lord. **read ›**

53 **1 Esdras 9:45** Then Ezra took up the book before the multitude and sat in the place of honor before them all. **read ›**

54 **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 ›**

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

56 **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 ›**

57 **1 Maccabees 2:3** Simon, called Thassi; **read ›**

58 **1 Maccabees 2:16** And many from Israel came to them; and Mattathias and his sons were gathered together. **read ›**

59 **1 Maccabees 2:24** And Mattathias saw it and was filled with zeal, and his inward parts trembled; and he let his anger rise up in accordance with the judgment, and ran and slaughtered him on the pagan altar. **read ›**

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60 **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 ›**

61 **1 Maccabees 2:39** When Mattathias and his friends learned of it, they mourned for them greatly. **read ›**

62 **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 ›**

63 **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 ›**

64 **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 ›**

65 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

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

67 **1 Maccabees 16:18** Then Ptolemy wrote of these things and sent to the king, so that the king would send him forces to help him and would hand over to him their country and the cities. **read ›**

68 **1 Maccabees 16:21** But someone ran ahead and reported to John at Gazara that his father and his brothers had perished, and that “he has sent to kill you also.” **read ›**

69 **2 Maccabees 2:23** all this, set forth by Jason of Cyrene in five books, we will attempt to condense into a single work. **read ›**

70 **2 Maccabees 10:12** For Ptolemy, who was called Macron, had taken the lead in showing justice to the Jews because of the wrong that had been done to them, and had tried to deal with them peacefully. **read ›**

71 **2 Maccabees 11:7** Maccabeus himself was the first to take up arms, and he urged the others to risk their lives together with him to help their brothers. Then they rushed out together eagerly. **read ›**

72 **2 Maccabees 13:20** And Judas sent in what they needed to those inside. **read ›**

73 **4 Maccabees 6:33** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 2:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

75 **1 Enoch 23:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **1 Enoch 38:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **1 Enoch 40:9** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 41:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **1 Enoch 58:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

80 **1 Enoch 62:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

81 **1 Enoch 68:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **1 Enoch 82:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **1 Enoch 93:3** Open the verse to read it. **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 9:1** He entered into a boat and crossed over, and came into his own city. **read ›**

87 **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 ›**

88 **Matthew 10:3** Philip; Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; Lebbaeus, who was also called Thaddaeus; **read ›**

89 **Matthew 12:16** and commanded them that they should not make him known, **read ›**

90 **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 ›**

91 **Matthew 19:30** But many will be last who are first, and first who are last. **read ›**

92 **Matthew 20:16** So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few are chosen.” **read ›**

93 **Matthew 23:6** and love the place of honor at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, **read ›**

94 **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 ›**

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95 **Matthew 26:1** When Jesus had finished all these words, he said to his disciples, **read ›**

96 **Matthew 26:19** The disciples did as Jesus commanded them, and they prepared the Passover. **read ›**

97 **Mark 1:1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **read ›**

98 **Mark 1:2** As it is written in the prophets: Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you. **read ›**

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

100 **Mark 1:28** The report of him went out immediately throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. **read ›**

101 **Mark 1:29** Immediately, when they had come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. **read ›**

102 **Mark 1:35** Early in the morning, while it was still dark, he rose up and went out, and departed into a deserted place, and prayed there. **read ›**

103 **Mark 1:36** Simon and those who were with him searched for him. **read ›**

104 **Mark 1:38** He said to them, “Let us go to the neighboring towns, so that I may preach there also, for this is why I came out.” **read ›**

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

106 **Mark 2:13** He went out again by the seaside. All the multitude came to him, and he taught them. **read ›**

107 **Mark 2:14** As he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he arose and followed him. **read ›**

108 **Mark 3:12** He sternly warned them that they should not make him known. **read ›**

109 **Mark 3:14** He appointed twelve, that they might be with him, and that he might send them out to preach **read ›**

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

111 **Mark 5:37** He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. **read ›**

112 **Mark 6:33** People saw them leaving, and many recognized him. They ran there on foot from all the cities, arrived before them, and came together to him. **read ›**

113 **Mark 9:12** He said to them, “Elijah indeed comes first, and restores all things. How is it written about the Son of Man, that he should suffer many things and be despised? **read ›**

114 **Mark 10:1** He rose from there and came to the borders of Judea by way of the region beyond the Jordan. Crowds gathered to him again, and, as was his custom, he taught them again. **read ›**

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

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

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

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

119 **Mark 14:16** His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found things as he had said to them, and they prepared the Passover. **read ›**

120 **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 ›**

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

122 **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 ›**

123 **John 1:30** This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, for he was before me.’ **read ›**

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

125 **Acts 15:37** Barnabas planned to take John, who was called Mark, with them also. **read ›**

126 **Romans 7:2** For the woman that has a husband is bound by law to the husband while he lives, but if the husband dies, she is discharged from the law of the husband. **read ›**

127 **2 Timothy 4:11** Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. **read ›**

128 **1 Peter 5:13** She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you. So does Mark, my son. **read ›**

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ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *71 verses, by reference*

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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

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 · 1:14 · 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 2:9 · 5:7 · 11:3 · 15:20

2 Corinthians 8:9

Galatians 2:2 · 3:8

Philippians 3:10 · 4:3

Colossians 1:18

2 Thessalonians 2:1

2 Timothy 2:8

Hebrews 9:27

1 John 1:1 · 5:7

Revelation 1:9 · 11:3 · 22:7

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

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