THE QUESTION

Which Gospel was written first?

Asked by a THF member on May 19, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 6 numbered quotations · the 6 early Christian passages and 142 Bible verses we kept are listed at the back, each with a link.

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

Early Christian writers say the Gospel of Matthew was written first. Origen says he learned this by tradition, and he lists Mark second, Luke third and John last. Irenaeus gives the same order and says Matthew wrote in Hebrew while Peter and Paul were preaching in Rome.

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Origen received that Matthew came first

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

Origen says the church's tradition taught him that Matthew's Gospel was written first. He adds that Matthew had been a tax collector, wrote in Hebrew, and wrote for believers who came 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."

later in the same passage

"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 5, page 5** **Read it in the library ›**
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Mark second, Luke third, John last

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

Origen gives the whole order. Mark wrote second, following Peter's teaching. Luke wrote third for Gentile converts, and John wrote last of all.

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 gives the same order

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Irenaeus places Matthew's Gospel while Peter and Paul were preaching in Rome. After they departed, Mark wrote down Peter's preaching, Luke recorded Paul's Gospel, and John published his Gospel later in Ephesus.

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."
>
> *later in the same passage*
>
> "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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Matthew wrote for Jewish readers

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

A fragment of Irenaeus explains why Matthew begins with a family line. Jewish readers cared that the Christ would come from David, so Matthew set out to show it.

4

> "The Gospel according to Matthew was written for the Jews, as they placed special importance on the fact that Christ should be of the seed of David."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Irenaeus,** *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (c. 175–202 AD)
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Caius counts Luke third and John fourth

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

A fragment from Caius calls Luke's account the third book of the Gospel and John's the fourth. That fits the order Origen and Irenaeus give.

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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 **Source 4, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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The order does not change the message

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

Clement says the accepted Gospels may differ a little in wording, but they agree in meaning. Which came first does not divide the one faith they teach.

6

"These things are written in the Gospel according to Mark; and in all the other acknowledged Gospels as well, the wording perhaps varies a little here and there, but they all display the same harmony of meaning."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 5 **Source 3, page 5** Read it in the library ›
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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These writers pass on what they received by tradition; they do not give exact years for any Gospel.
- The passages do not say which book of the whole Bible, or of the whole New Testament, was written first.
- 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.

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WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 6 early Christian passages and 142 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–6, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 7–107, in Bible order), then 41 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 *6 passages from 5 writers*

Irenaeus, *c. 175–202 AD · sources 1–2*

1 *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 ›**

2 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (1885 English) **Quote 4, page 3** "Gospel according to Matthew was written to the Jews… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · source 3*

3 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 5 **Quote 6, page 4** "These things are written in the Gospel according to Mark… [continues online] **read ›**

Caius, *c. 200–220 AD · source 4*

4 *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 · source 5*

5 *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 ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 6*

6 *Apostolic Constitutions* "Let the following books be regarded as venerable and holy by both the clergy and the laity. Of the Old Covenant, these are the five books of Moses: Genesis, Exodus… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *101 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

7 **Genesis 2:4** This is the book of the generation of heaven and earth, when they came to be, in the day that the Lord God made the heaven and the earth, **read ›**

8 **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 ›**

9 **Exodus 32:16** The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. **read ›**

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10 **Exodus 34:27** The Lord said to Moses, “Write these words for yourself; for on these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” **read ›**

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

12 **Deuteronomy 17:18** And when he is seated in his rule, he shall write for himself this second law in a book, from the priests, the Levites. **read ›**

13 **Deuteronomy 31:9** Moses wrote the words of this law in a book and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to the elders of the children of Israel. **read ›**

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

15 **2 Kings 22:8** Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and Shaphan read it. **read ›**

16 **1 Chronicles 16:7** On that day, then, David first appointed the praising of the Lord by the hand of Asaph and his brothers. **read ›**

17 **1 Chronicles 29:29** Now the rest of the acts of King David, the first and the last, are written in the accounts of Samuel the seer, and in the accounts of Nathan the prophet, and in the accounts of Gad the seer, **read ›**

18 **2 Chronicles 9:29** And the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, behold, they are written in the words of Nathan the prophet, and in the words of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Joel the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat. **read ›**

19 **2 Chronicles 28:26** The rest of his acts and his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. **read ›**

20 **2 Chronicles 34:14** When they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the Lord given by the hand of Moses. **read ›**

21 **2 Chronicles 34:15** Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found a book of the law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan. **read ›**

22 **2 Chronicles 34:18** Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king. **read ›**

23 **2 Chronicles 35:27** and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. **read ›**

24 **Ezra 2:26** The sons of Ramah and Geba, six hundred and twenty-one. **read ›**

25 **Ezra 7:4** the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, **read ›**

26 **Nehemiah 4:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

27 **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 ›**

28 **Psalms 45:1** My heart has poured forth a good word; I tell my works to the king; my tongue is the pen of a swift scribe. (Septuagint Psalm 44:2 (Psalm 45:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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

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

31 **Proverbs 8:22** The Lord created me as the beginning of his ways, for his works. **read ›**

32 **Proverbs 11:31** If the righteous is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear? **read ›**

33 **Proverbs 12:10** The righteous has compassion on the lives of his cattle, but the inward parts of the ungodly are unmerciful. **read ›**

34 **Proverbs 12:19** True lips establish testimony, but a hasty witness has an unrighteous tongue. **read ›**

35 **Proverbs 12:22** Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but he who deals faithfully is acceptable to him. **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 **Proverbs 16:14** The wrath of a king is a messenger of death, but a wise man will appease him. **read ›**

40 **Proverbs 16:24** Good words are honeycombs, and their sweetness is healing for the soul. **read ›**

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41 **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 ›**

42 **Ecclesiastes 2:13** And I saw that wisdom has an advantage over foolishness, as light has an advantage over darkness. **read ›**

43 **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 ›**

44 **Isaiah 30:8** Now therefore sit down and write these things on a tablet and in a book, for these things will be for days, for a time, and even forever. **read ›**

45 **Jeremiah 30:2** Thus said the Lord God of Israel: Write all the words that I have declared to you in a book. (Septuagint Jeremiah 37:2 (Jeremiah 30:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

46 **Jeremiah 36:2** “Take for yourself a scroll of a book, and write on it all the words which I have spoken to you against Jerusalem and against Judah and against all the nations, from the day that I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah king of Judah, until this day. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:2 (Jeremiah 36:2 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

47 **Jeremiah 36:4** So Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and he wrote on a scroll of a book, from the mouth of Jeremiah, all the words of the Lord which he had spoken to him. (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:4 (Jeremiah 36:4 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

48 **Jeremiah 36:18** Baruch said, “Jeremiah told me all these words from his own mouth, and I was writing them in a book.” (Septuagint Jeremiah 43:18 (Jeremiah 36:18 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

49 **Jeremiah 45:1** The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in the book from the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah: (Septuagint Jeremiah 51:31 (Jeremiah 45:1 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

50 **Jeremiah 51:60** And Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evils which would come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon. (Septuagint Jeremiah 28:60 (Jeremiah 51:60 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

51 **Hosea 12:10** And I will speak to the prophets; and I have multiplied visions, and by the hands of the prophets I have been represented. (Septuagint Hosea 12:11 (Hosea 12:10 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

52 **Obadiah 1:1** The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God to Idumea: I have heard a report from the Lord, and he has sent out a summons to siege among the nations: “Arise, and let us rise up against her to war.” **read ›**

53 **1 Esdras 1:24** The things concerning him have been recorded in former times, concerning those who sinned and acted ungodly toward the Lord beyond every nation and kingdom, and the things by which they grieved him; and the words of the Lord rose up against Israel. **read ›**

54 **1 Esdras 2:26** “I have read the letter that you sent me. So I commanded a search to be made, and it was found that that city has from of old been setting itself against kings, **read ›**

55 **1 Esdras 7:4** They finished these things by the command of the Lord God of Israel; and with the consent of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes, kings of the Persians, **read ›**

56 **1 Esdras 9:45** Then Ezra took up the book before the multitude and sat in the place of honor before them all. **read ›**

57 **Wisdom of Sirach 1:1** Since many great things have been given to us through the Law and the Prophets and the others who followed after them, for which Israel ought to be praised for its instruction and wisdom; and since not only must those who read become knowledgeable themselves, but lovers of learning must also be able to be of use to those outside, both by speaking and by writing: my grandfather Jesus, having given himself more and more to the reading of the Law and the Prophets and the other books of our fathers, and having gained considerable skill in them, was himself also led to write something pertaining to instruction and wisdom, so that lovers of learning, having become devoted to these things as well, might make still greater progress by living according to the law. You are urged, therefore, to read with goodwill and attention, and to be forgiving wherever, despite our diligent labor in translating, we may seem to fall short in some of the expressions; for what is said in Hebrew does not have the same force when it is brought over into another language. And not only these things, but the Law itself and the prophecies and the rest of the books differ not a little when they are spoken in their own language. For in the thirty-eighth year, in the reign of King Euergetes, having come into Egypt and stayed there some time, I found a copy of no small instruction; and I myself thought it most necessary to apply some diligence and labor to the translation of this book, bringing much watchfulness and skill to it in that space of time, in order to complete the book and publish it also for those living abroad who wish to love learning, preparing their character beforehand to live according to the law. All wisdom is from the Lord, and is with him forever. **read ›**

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58 **Wisdom of Sirach 39:32** Therefore from the beginning I was resolved, and I thought it through, and I have left it in writing. **read ›**

59 **Wisdom of Sirach 50:27** Jesus the son of Sirach of Jerusalem has engraved in this book instruction in understanding and knowledge, he who poured forth wisdom from his heart. **read ›**

60 **Baruch 1:1** These are the words of the book that Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Zedekiah, the son of Hasadiah, the son of Hilkiah, wrote in Babylon, **read ›**

61 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:1** A copy of a letter which Jeremiah sent to those who were to be led captive to Babylon by the king of the Babylonians, to declare it to them as he had been commanded by God. **read ›**

62 **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 ›**

63 **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 ›**

64 **1 Maccabees 11:31** We have written to you also a copy of the letter that we wrote about you to Lasthenes our kinsman, so that you may know: **read ›**

65 **1 Maccabees 12:10** have tried to send word to renew our brotherhood and friendship with you, so that we may not become strangers to you; for much time has passed since you sent word to us. **read ›**

66 **1 Maccabees 12:19** And this is the copy of the letter that he sent: **read ›**

67 **1 Maccabees 12:22** And now that we know this, you will do well to write to us about your welfare. **read ›**

68 **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 ›**

69 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

70 **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 ›**

71 **1 Maccabees 15:24** And they wrote a copy of these to Simon the high priest. **read ›**

72 **1 Maccabees 16:14** Simon was visiting the cities in the country and attending to their needs; and he went down to Jericho with Mattathias and Judas his sons, in the hundred and seventy-seventh year, in the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat. **read ›**

73 **1 Maccabees 16:24** behold, these are written in the book of the days of his high priesthood, from the time he became high priest after his father. **read ›**

74 **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 ›**

75 **2 Maccabees 2:13** The same things were also reported in the records and in the memoirs of Nehemiah, and how he founded a library and collected the accounts of the kings and prophets, and the writings of David, and letters of kings about dedicated gifts. **read ›**

76 **2 Maccabees 11:16** The letters written to the Jews were these. From Lysias, as follows: “Lysias to the people of the Jews, greeting. **read ›**

77 **2 Maccabees 12:32** After the feast called Pentecost, they hurried against Gorgias, the governor of Idumea. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 2:2** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **1 Enoch 38:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

80 **1 Enoch 41:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

81 **1 Enoch 82:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **1 Enoch 89:68** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **1 Enoch 92:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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

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

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

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87 **Luke 1:1** Since many have undertaken to set in order a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, **read ›**

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

89 **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 ›**

90 **Luke 4:44** He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee. **read ›**

91 **Acts 1:1** The first account I wrote, Theophilus, concerned all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, **read ›**

92 **Acts 8:1** Saul consented to his killing. That day a great persecution arose against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria. **read ›**

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

94 **Acts 15:23** They wrote this letter to be delivered by them: "The apostles, the elders, and the brothers, to the brothers among the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings. **read ›**

95 **Romans 1:2** which he promised before through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, **read ›**

96 **1 Corinthians 1:1** Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, **read ›**

97 **2 Corinthians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: **read ›**

98 **Galatians 1:1** Paul, an apostle—not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— **read ›**

99 **Ephesians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus and the faithful in Christ Jesus: **read ›**

100 **Colossians 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, **read ›**

101 **1 Thessalonians 1:1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **read ›**

102 **1 Timothy 3:14** These things I write to you, hoping to come to you shortly, **read ›**

103 **2 Timothy 3:15** and that from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faithfulness in Christ Jesus. **read ›**

104 **1 Peter 1:1** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the chosen ones who are living as foreigners in the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, **read ›**

105 **2 Peter 1:20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of private interpretation. **read ›**

106 **2 Peter 1:21** For no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit. **read ›**

107 **2 Peter 3:1** This is now, beloved, the second letter that I have written to you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by reminding you **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *41 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

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

Matthew 5:10 · 13:8 · 17:1 · 22:10

Mark 2:17 · 9:2 · 14:62

Luke 1:35 · 19:12

John 1:1 · 1:14 · 4:16 · 4:24 · 14:2 · 18:28 · 19:13 · 19:31 · 20:30 · 21:22

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Acts 10:37
1 Corinthians 2:9 · 5:7 · 15:20
2 Corinthians 8:9
Philippians 3:10
Colossians 1:18
2 Thessalonians 2:1
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.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

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