THE QUESTION

Which was the first Gospel written?

Asked by a THF member on May 18, 2026 · published November 9, 2026 · 8 numbered quotations · the 14 early Christian passages and 184 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*

The early writers say Matthew's Gospel was written first. Origen received this by tradition and says Matthew wrote in Hebrew for converts from Judaism. Irenaeus agrees, then places Mark, Luke and John after him. Clement of Alexandria adds that Mark wrote down Peter's preaching at Rome.

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Origen says Matthew was written first

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

Origen says the tradition he received names Matthew's Gospel as the 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 13, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Irenaeus puts Matthew before the others

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

Irenaeus says Matthew wrote while Peter and Paul were preaching in Rome. Only after their departure does he place Mark's written Gospel, then Luke's, and John's later in Ephesus.

2

> "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) **Source 2, page 6** 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 full order. Mark wrote second, following Peter's teaching. Luke wrote third for Gentile converts, and John wrote last of all.

3

"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."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on Matthew* 1 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 13, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Mark wrote down Peter's preaching

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

Clement of Alexandria says Mark, Peter's follower, wrote his Gospel while Peter preached in Rome, so hearers could remember what was said. This matches the link to Peter that Origen and Irenaeus also give.

4

"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."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Fragments* 1 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 6, page 6** Read it in the library ›

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Matthew opens with David's line

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

Irenaeus explains that Matthew wrote for Jewish readers who cared that the Christ would come from David. So Matthew begins with Christ's family line. Origen says the same about Matthew writing for the Hebrews.

5 “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) **Source 5, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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6 “For Matthew, writing for the Hebrews who were looking for Him who was to come from the line of Abraham and of David, says in Matthew 1:1, "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Origen,** *Commentary on John* 1 (c. 215–254 AD) **Source 12, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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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, the same order Origen gives.

7 “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) **Source 11, page 6** Read it in the library ›
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Tertullian ranks the writers by authority

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

Tertullian lists John and Matthew first because they were apostles, and Luke and Mark after them as apostolic men. He is ranking authority here, not dates, and he says all four agree in the faith.

8 "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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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These writers pass on what they received by tradition; they give no exact year for any Gospel.
- The passages do not describe Matthew's Hebrew Gospel or how it relates to the Greek Gospel we read.
- 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 14 early Christian passages and 184 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–14, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 15–123, in Bible order), then 75 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).

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EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *14 passages from 7 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 2–5*

2 *Against Heresies: Book III* **Quote 2, page 2** “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… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Against Heresies: Book III* (on point 3) passage demonstrates that Luke was inseparable from Paul and worked with him on spreading the Gospel, not out of pride, but because it was true. Luke describes how, when Barnabas… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Against Heresies: Book III* (1885 English; on point 4) “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 *Fragments from the Lost Writings of Irenæus* (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 4** “Gospel according to Matthew was written to the Jews… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 6–7*

6 *Fragments* 1 **Quote 4, page 3** “my son, sends you greetings. 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… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Who Is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?* 5 “These things are written in the Gospel according to Mark… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 8–10*

8 *Against Marcion* 2 (1885 English) **Quote 8, page 5** “the apostles, therefore, John and Matthew first instil faith into us… [continues online] **read ›**

9 *Against Marcion* 5 “that Gospel of Luke which we are defending with all our might has stood its ground from its very first publication. Whereas Marcion's Gospel is unknown to most people… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *On the Flesh of Christ* 22 (1885 English) “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 11*

11 *Fragments* 1 **Quote 7, page 4** “fourth Gospel is that of John, one of the disciples… [continues online] **read ›**

Origen, *c. 215–254 AD · sources 12–13*

12 *Commentary on John* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 6, page 4** “Gospels then being four, I deem the first fruits of the Gospels to be that which you have enjoined me to search into according to my powers, the Gospel of… [continues online] **read ›**

13 *Commentary on Matthew* 1 (1885 English) **Quotes 1, 3, pages 2, 3** “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 ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · source 14*

14 *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 ›**

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THE BIBLE *109 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

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

16 **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 ›**

17 **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 ›**

18 **1 Chronicles 12:11** Jethi the sixth, Eliab the seventh, (Septuagint 1 Chronicles 12:12 (1 Chronicles 12:11 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

19 **1 Chronicles 25:21** the fourteenth, Mattithiah; his sons and his brothers, twelve; **read ›**

20 **1 Chronicles 28:14** And he gave him the weight by measure of the gold and silver lampstands, **read ›**

21 **Ezra 3:10** And they laid the foundation for building the house of the Lord; and the priests stood in their robes with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the Lord by the direction of David king of Israel. **read ›**

22 **Nehemiah 5:7** My heart took counsel within me, and I contended with the nobles and the rulers, and said to them, "Is a man to demand from his brother what you are demanding?" And I called a great assembly against them, (Septuagint 2 Esdras 15:7 (Nehemiah 5:7 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

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

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

25 **Proverbs 4:26** Make straight tracks for your feet, and direct your ways. **read ›**

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

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

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

29 **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 ›**

30 **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 ›**

31 **Proverbs 16:2** All the works of the humble are manifest before God, but the ungodly will perish in an evil day. **read ›**

32 **Proverbs 16:23** The heart of the wise will understand what comes from his own mouth, and on his lips he will carry good judgment. **read ›**

33 **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 ›**

34 **Ecclesiastes 2:14** The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness; and I too knew that one event will happen to them all. **read ›**

35 **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 ›**

36 **Ecclesiastes 2:25** For who will eat, and who will drink, apart from him? **read ›**

37 **Ecclesiastes 3:9** What advantage does the worker have in that at which he labors? **read ›**

38 **Ecclesiastes 9:17** The words of the wise are heard in quietness more than the cry of those in power in foolishness. **read ›**

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

40 **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 ›**

41 **1 Esdras 3:10** The first wrote, "Wine is strongest." **read ›**

42 **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 ›**

43 **1 Esdras 5:60** and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, singing hymns to the Lord and blessing him according to David king of Israel. **read ›**

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44 **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 ›**

45 **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 ›**

46 **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 ›**

47 **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 ›**

48 **1 Maccabees 2:14** And Mattathias and his sons tore their garments and put on sackcloth and mourned greatly. **read ›**

49 **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 ›**

50 **1 Maccabees 2:39** When Mattathias and his friends learned of it, they mourned for them greatly. **read ›**

51 **1 Maccabees 4:26** Those of the foreigners who had escaped came and reported to Lysias all that had happened. **read ›**

52 **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 ›**

53 **1 Maccabees 5:21** So Simon went into Galilee and fought many battles with the nations, and the nations were crushed before him. **read ›**

54 **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 ›**

55 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

56 **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 ›**

57 **1 Maccabees 15:24** And they wrote a copy of these to Simon the high priest. **read ›**

58 **1 Maccabees 16:2** Simon called his two eldest sons, Judas and John, and said to them, "I and my brothers and my father's house have fought the enemies of Israel from our youth to this day, and it has prospered in our hands to deliver Israel many times. **read ›**

59 **1 Maccabees 16:23** The rest of the acts of John, and his wars, and the brave deeds that he did, and the building of the walls that he built, and his achievements, **read ›**

60 **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 ›**

61 **2 Maccabees 2:14** In the same way Judas also collected everything that had been scattered because of the war that came upon us, and they are with us. **read ›**

62 **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 ›**

63 **2 Maccabees 2:25** we have aimed to give pleasure to those who wish to read, ease to those who are eager to commit things to memory, and profit to all who come upon it. **read ›**

64 **2 Maccabees 2:30** To enter into the matter, to discuss everything, and to be busy with each detail belongs to the original writer of the history; **read ›**

65 **2 Maccabees 3:9** When he had arrived at Jerusalem and had been kindly received by the high priest of the city, he told about the report that had been made and made clear why he had come; and he asked whether these things were really so. **read ›**

66 **2 Maccabees 3:36** And he bore witness to everyone about the works of the greatest God, which he had seen with his own eyes. **read ›**

67 **2 Maccabees 9:17** and besides all this, he would become a Jew and would go through every inhabited place proclaiming the power of God. **read ›**

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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 12:43** And having made a collection, man by man, of provisions to the sum of two thousand drachmas of silver, he sent it to Jerusalem to offer a sin offering, acting very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. **read ›**

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

71 **4 Maccabees 12:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

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

73 **4 Maccabees 18:10** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **1 Enoch 41:6** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

75 **1 Enoch 68:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **1 Enoch 82:1** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **1 Enoch 82:7** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **1 Enoch 89:68** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **1 Enoch 89:77** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

80 **1 Enoch 90:42** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

81 **1 Enoch 104:11** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

82 **1 Enoch 108:15** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

83 **Matthew 1:22** Now all this has happened so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: **read ›**

84 **Matthew 4:12** Now when Jesus heard that John had been handed over, he withdrew into Galilee. **read ›**

85 **Matthew 4:13** Leaving Nazareth, he came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, **read ›**

86 **Matthew 4:14** so that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: **read ›**

87 **Matthew 4:15** “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, **read ›**

88 **Matthew 4:23** Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people. **read ›**

89 **Matthew 5:1** Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him. **read ›**

90 **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 ›**

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

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

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

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

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

96 **Mark 1:16** Passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **read ›**

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

98 **Mark 2:2** Immediately many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even around the door; and he spoke the word to them. **read ›**

99 **Mark 3:16** Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); **read ›**

100 **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 ›**

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

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

103 **Mark 14:9** Amen, I say to you, wherever this gospel may be preached throughout the whole world, that which this woman has done will also be spoken of for a memorial of her." **read ›**

104 **Mark 16:7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He goes before you into Galilee. There you will see him, as he said to you.'" **read ›**

105 **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 ›**

106 **Mark 16:15** He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. **read ›**

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

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

109 **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 ›**

110 **Luke 1:4** so that you may know the certainty of the things you were taught. **read ›**

111 **Luke 7:1** After he had finished speaking in the hearing of the people, he entered into Capernaum. **read ›**

112 **Luke 8:1** Soon afterward he went through cities and villages, proclaiming and preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, **read ›**

113 **Luke 16:1** He also said to his disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a steward. An accusation was made to him that this man was wasting his possessions. **read ›**

114 **Luke 16:2** He called him, and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give an accounting of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' **read ›**

115 **Luke 24:9** returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. **read ›**

116 **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **read ›**

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

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

119 **1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I declare to you, brothers, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand, **read ›**

120 **2 Peter 1:15** And I will make every effort so that you may always be able to recall these things after my departure. **read ›**

121 **2 Peter 1:16** For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **read ›**

122 **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 ›**

123 **2 Peter 3:2** so that you remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *75 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 · 46:10

Proverbs 1:11

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Song of Solomon 3:6

Isaiah 65:5

Jeremiah 23:20 · 23:30

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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 · 1:29 · 2:1 · 2:4 · 3:6 · 4:16 · 4:24 · 14:2 · 18:28 · 19:13 · 19:26 · 19:31 · 20:30 · 21:22
Acts 10:37
Romans 1:3 · 2:16
1 Corinthians 2:9 · 2:12 · 5:7 · 11:3 · 15:20
2 Corinthians 5:19 · 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
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Revelation 1:9 · 11:3 · 22:7

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

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