

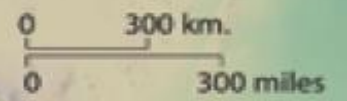


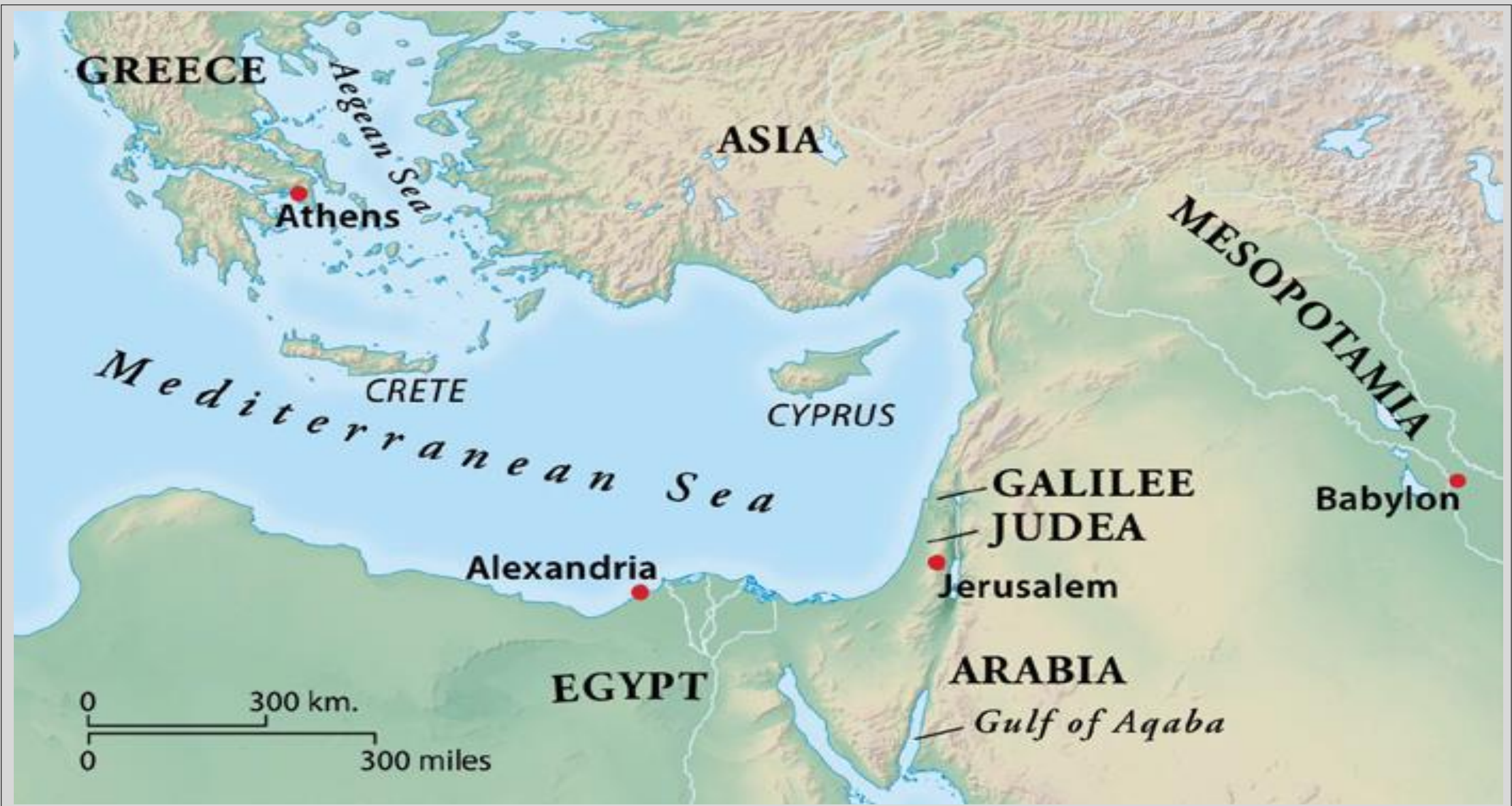
UNDERSTANDING JOHN

Diagrams and Charts



- Under Roman control in 100 BC
- Under Roman control at the time of Julius Caesar's death, 44 BC
- Extent of direct Roman rule at the death of Augustus, AD 14
- Area acquired after Augustus till AD c. 150





GREECE

Athens

Aegean Sea

ASIA

MESOPOTAMIA

Babylon

CRETE

CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea

GALILEE

JUDEA

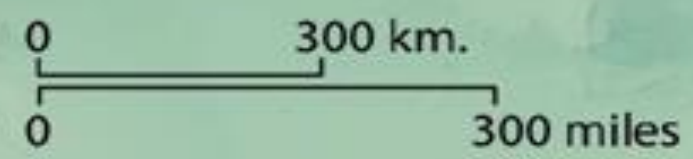
Jerusalem

Alexandria

EGYPT

ARABIA

Gulf of Aqaba



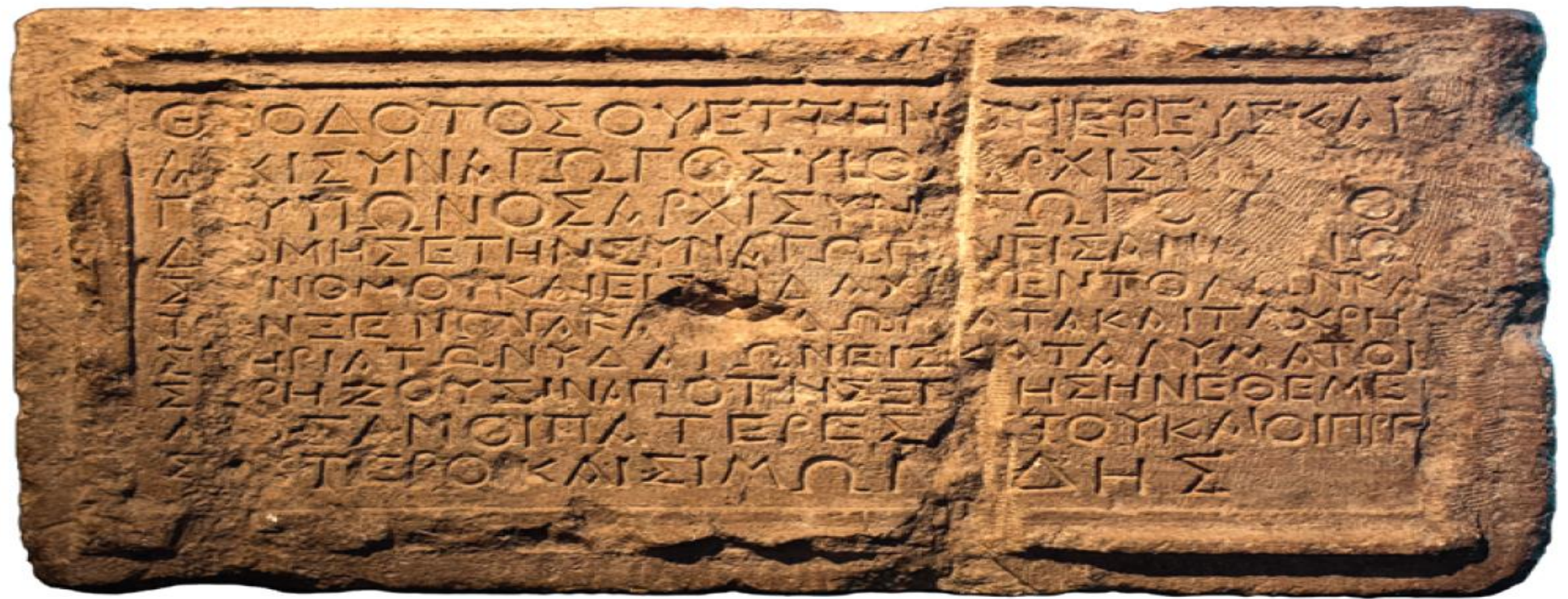
EXAMPLES OF SIMILARITIES BETWEEN JOHN'S GOSPEL AND LETTERS

<i>Gospel of John</i>	<i>1 John</i>	<i>2 John</i>	<i>3 John</i>
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son . . . (Jn. 1.1, 14)	That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. (1 Jn. 1.1)		
But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light . . . (Jn. 3.21)	If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (1 Jn. 1.6–7)	It has given me great joy to find some of your children walking in the truth . . . (2 Jn. 4)	It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth, telling how you continue to walk in it. (3 Jn. 3)
Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. (Jn. 5.24)	We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. (1 Jn. 3.14)		

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<i>Gospel of John</i>	<i>1 John</i>	<i>2 John</i>	<i>3 John</i>
If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (Jn. 15.7)	See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. (1 Jn. 2.24)	Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. (2 Jn. 9)	
My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. (Jn. 15.12)	And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. (1 Jn. 3.23)	I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. (2 Jn. 5)	
	Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. (1 Jn. 2.18)	Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. (2 Jn. 7)	
But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (Jn. 20.31)	I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 Jn. 5.13)		



A first-century Greek inscription from a synagogue in Jerusalem honouring Theodotus, the synagogue leader. The inscription is significant because it proves the existence of a building set aside for worship by Greek-speaking Jewish immigrants in first-century Jerusalem (see Ac. 6.9) and it attests the title of *archisynagogos* as 'synagogue leader' (see Lk. 8.49; 13.14; Ac. 13.15; 18.8, 17).



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