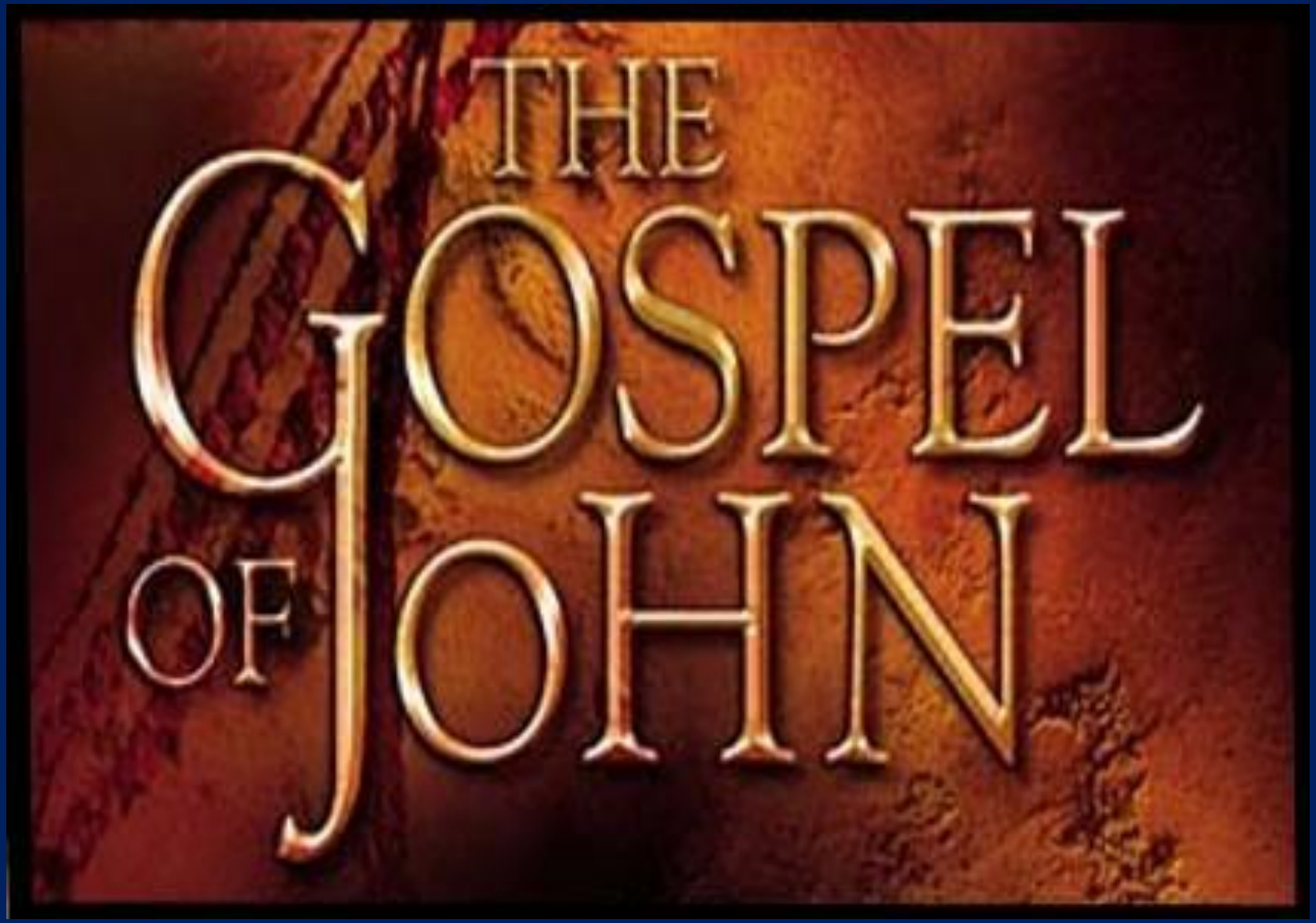
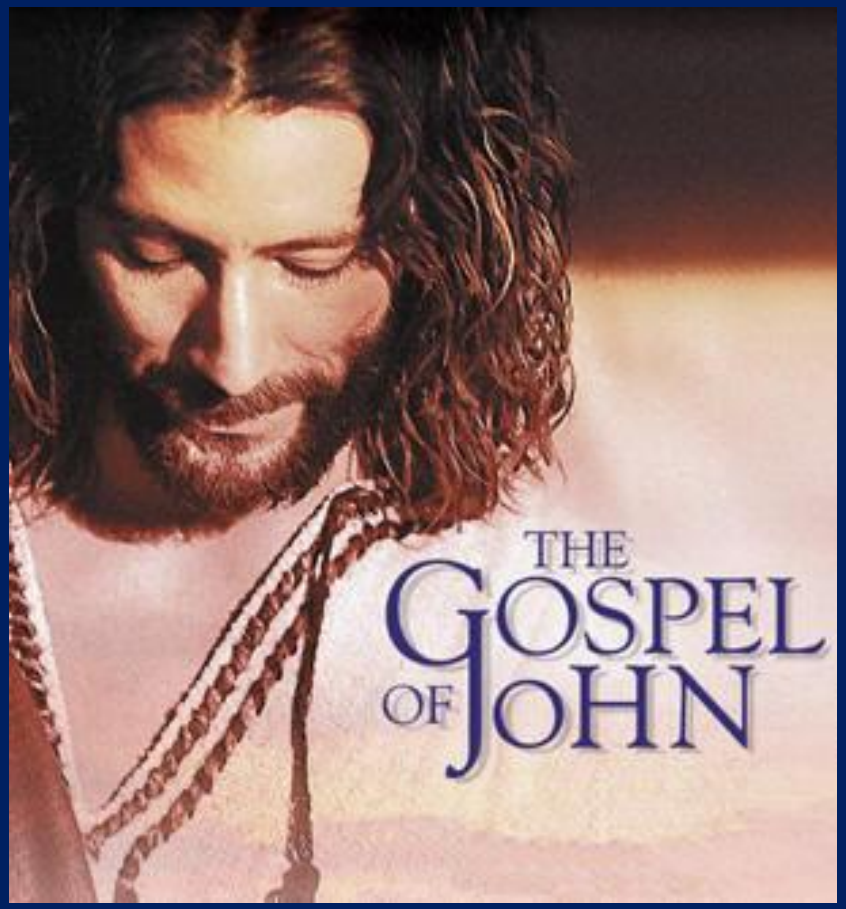


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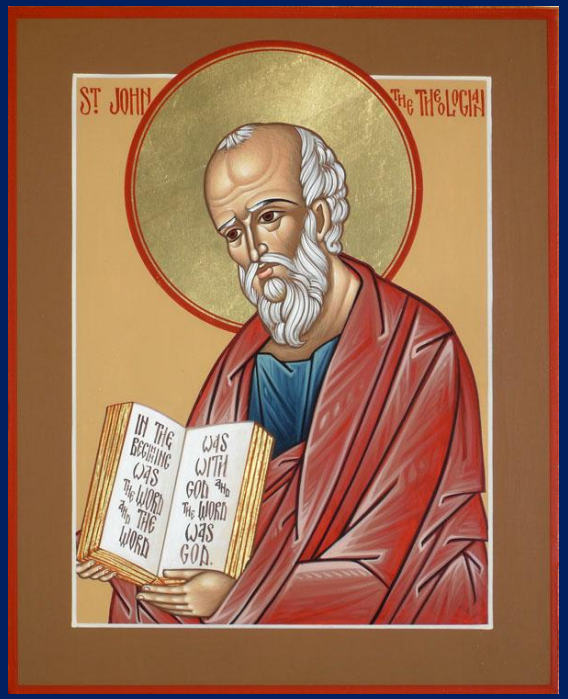
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Revealed!



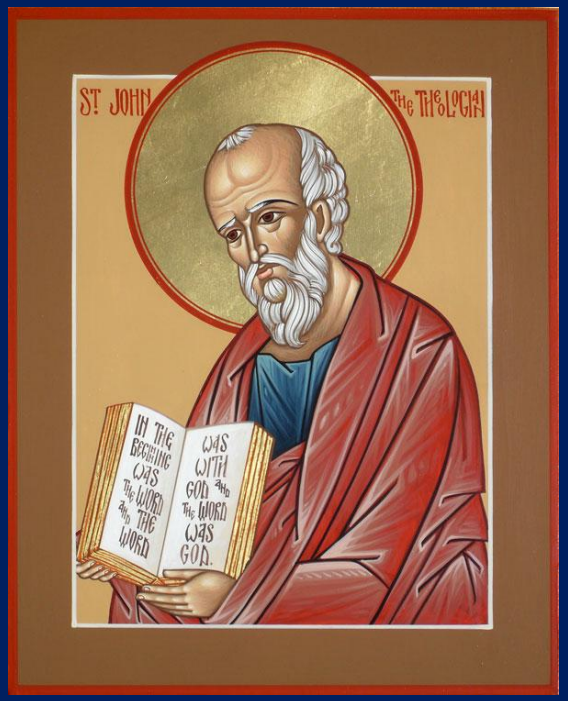
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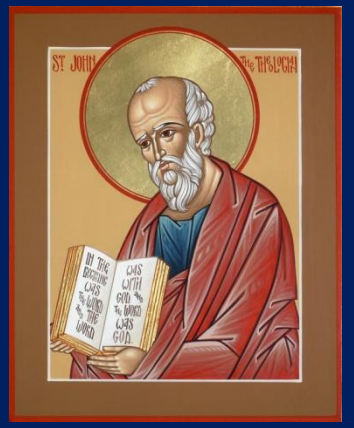
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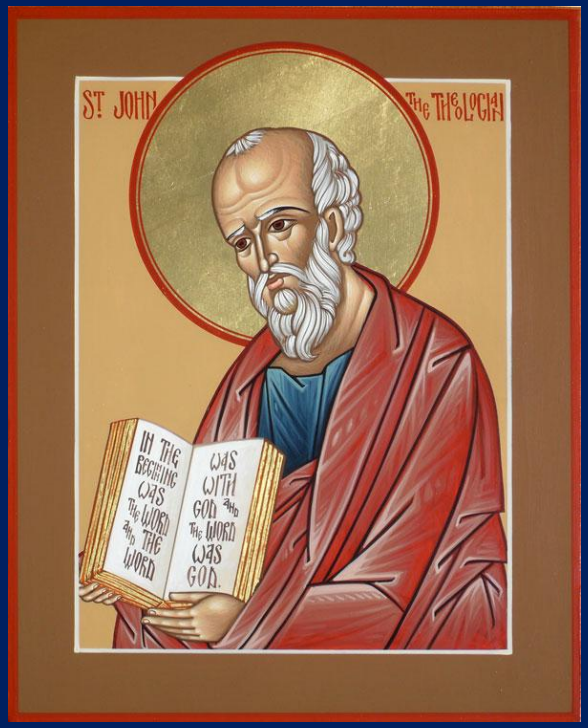
Johannine Authorship

- **External evidence**: **<u>Irenaeus</u>** (Irenaeus' opinion on this matter is weighty since he was a disciple of Polycarp who in turn was a disciple of John). Other sources: Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Origen, Hippolytus, Theophilus of Antioch, Eusebius, Clement of Rome, Cyril of Jerusalem, Papias, Justin Martyr, Augustine, and Jerome.



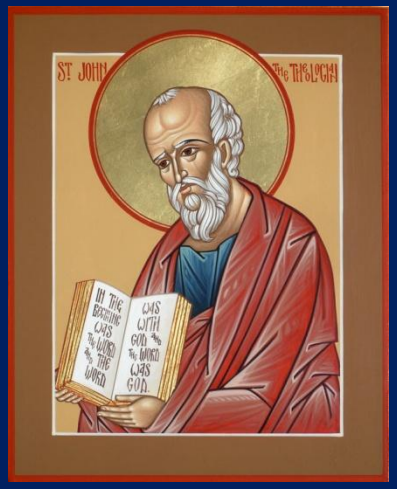
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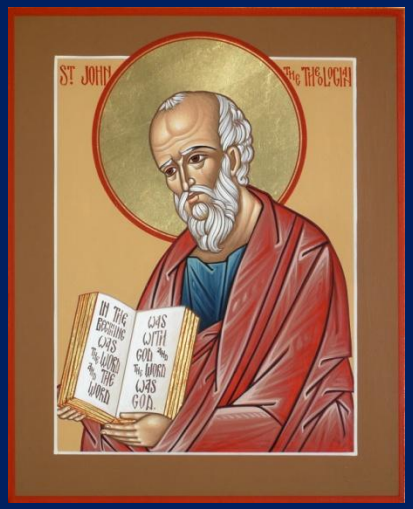


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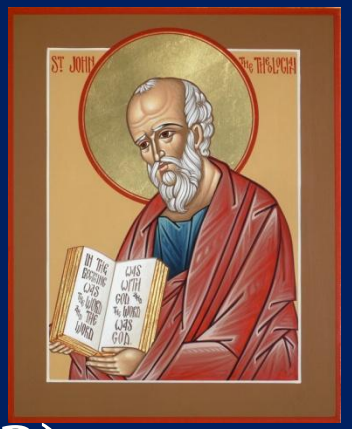
- John = “Yahweh has been gracious”
- Older brother = James
- Father = Zebedee
- Mother = Salome
- Well off
- First a disciple of John the Baptist and then a believer in Jesus (Jn 1:35-40)
- Follower of Christ (Jn 1:43)



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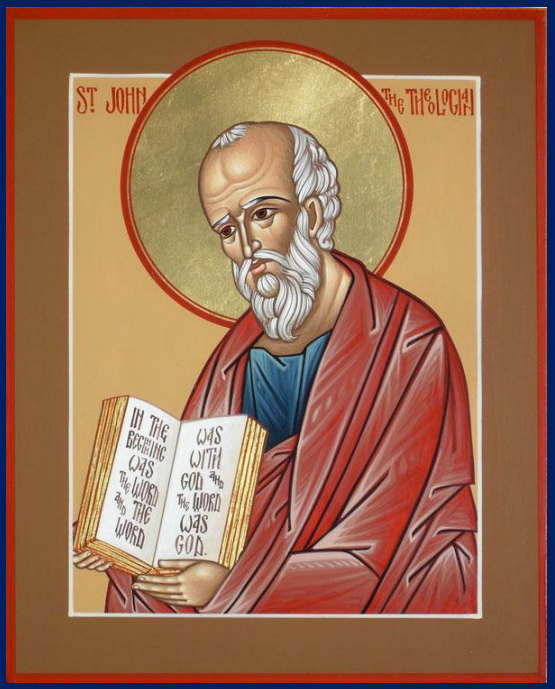
- Disciple of Christ (Matt 4:21-22)
- One of the 12 (Matt 10:1-4)
- 1st group of disciples
- Inner circle (Mark 5:37; 9:2; 14:33)
- Present at the cross and
  received custody of Mary (John 19:27)
- Present at the empty tomb (John 20:1-10)



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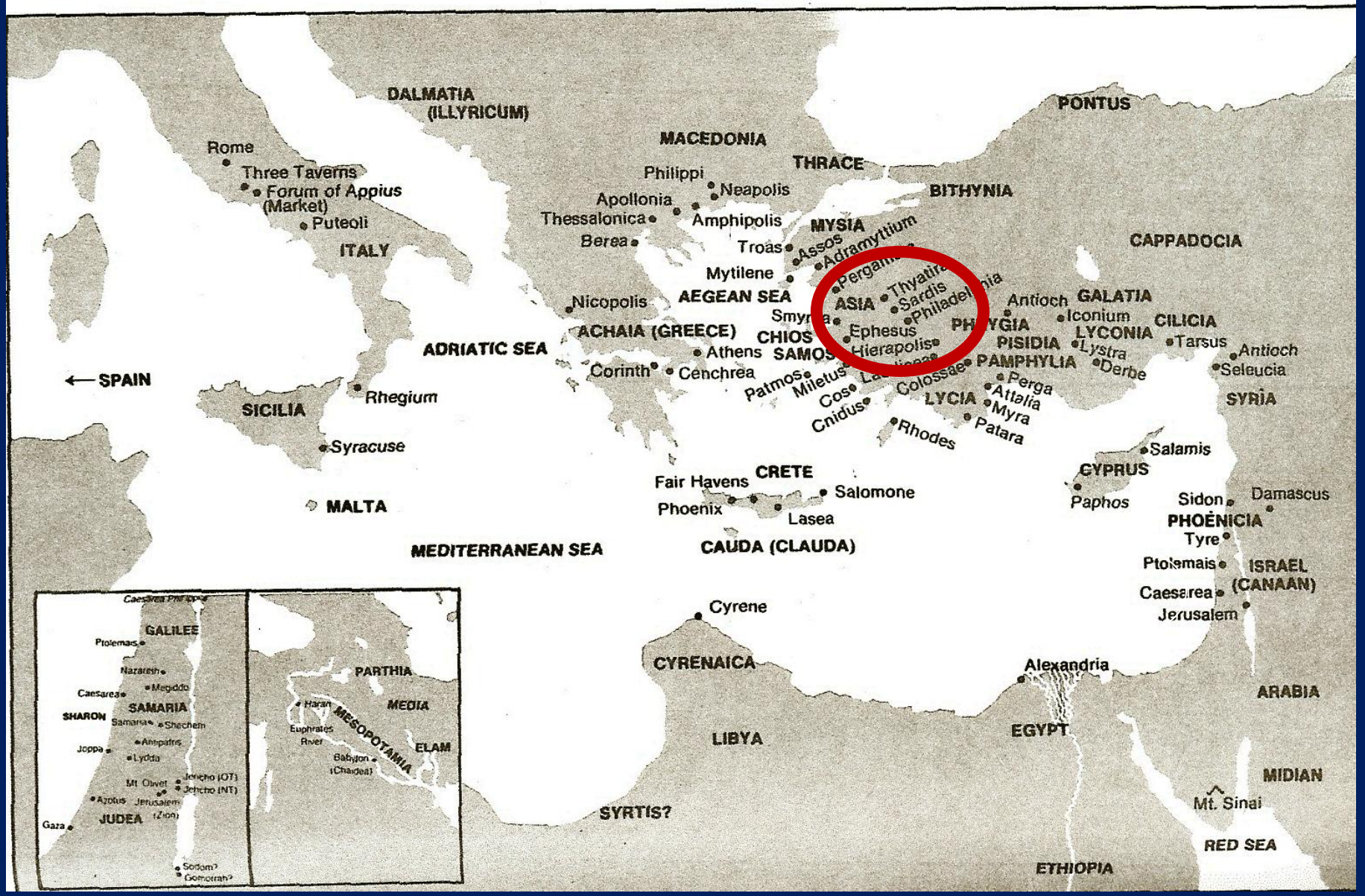
- Saw the resurrected Christ (20:19-23)
- Beneficiary of Christ's post-resurrection ministry (Acts 1:13)
- Dominant force in the early church (Acts 3:1; 4:13, 19; 8:14)
- Pillar of the early church (Gal 2:9)
- Product of Christ's transforming grace (Mark 3:17; Luke 9:51-56)

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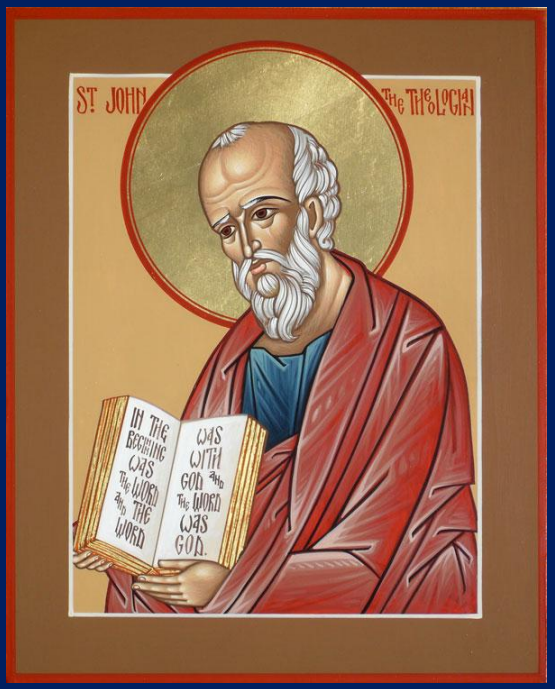


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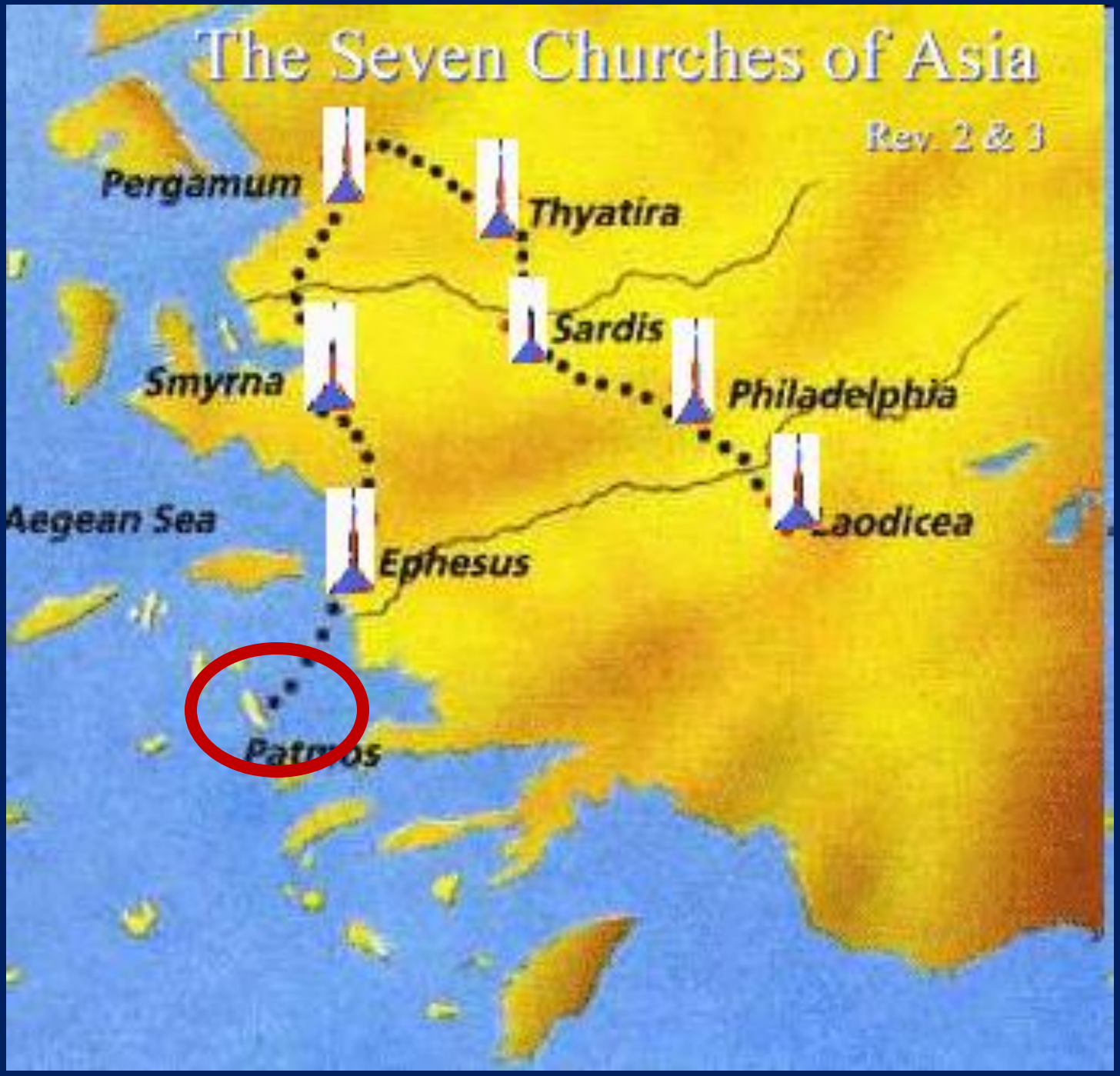


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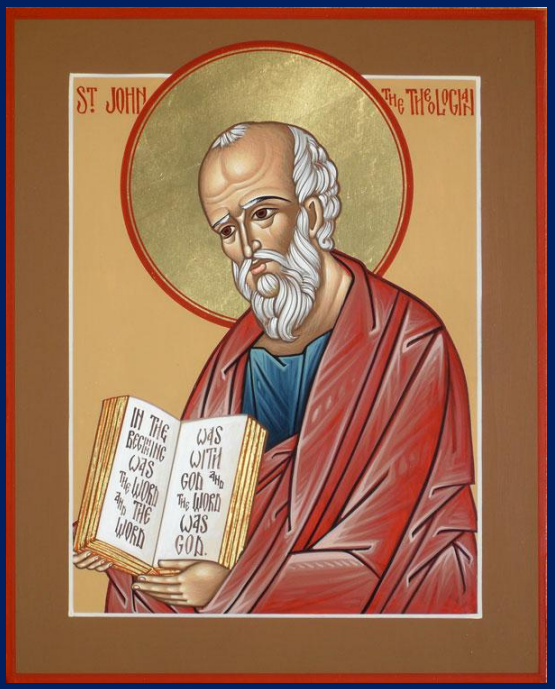
Tertullian, *Prescription Against Heretics*, 36

“…where the Apostle John was first plunged, unhurt, into boiling oil, and thence remitted to his island-exile!”



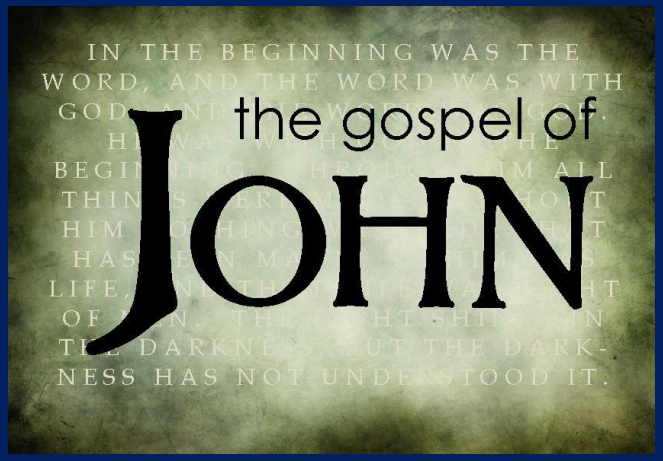

The Seven Churches of Asia
Rev. 2 & 3
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Thyatira
Sardis
Smyrna
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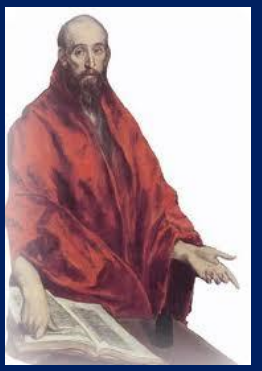



Alexandria
NILE
DELTA
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Author	Date Written	Earliest MSS	Time Span	No. MSS
Caesar	100–44 BC	AD 900	1,000 yrs	10
Plato	427–347 BC	900 AD	1,200 yrs	7
Thucydides	460–400 BC	AD 900	1,300 yrs	8
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 1100	1,000 yrs	20
Suetonius	AD 75–160	AD 950	800 yrs	8
Homer (*Iliad*)	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs	643
New Testament	AD 40–100	AD 125	25–50 yrs	>24,000!

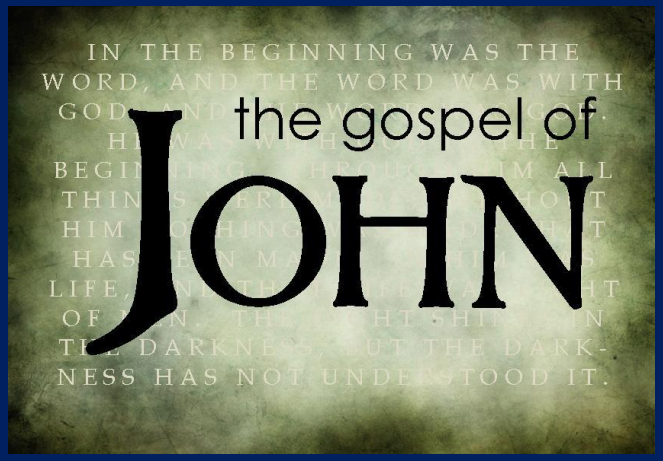
http://creationrevolution.com/2012/05/should-we-trust-the-bible/

Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History*, 3.24.7



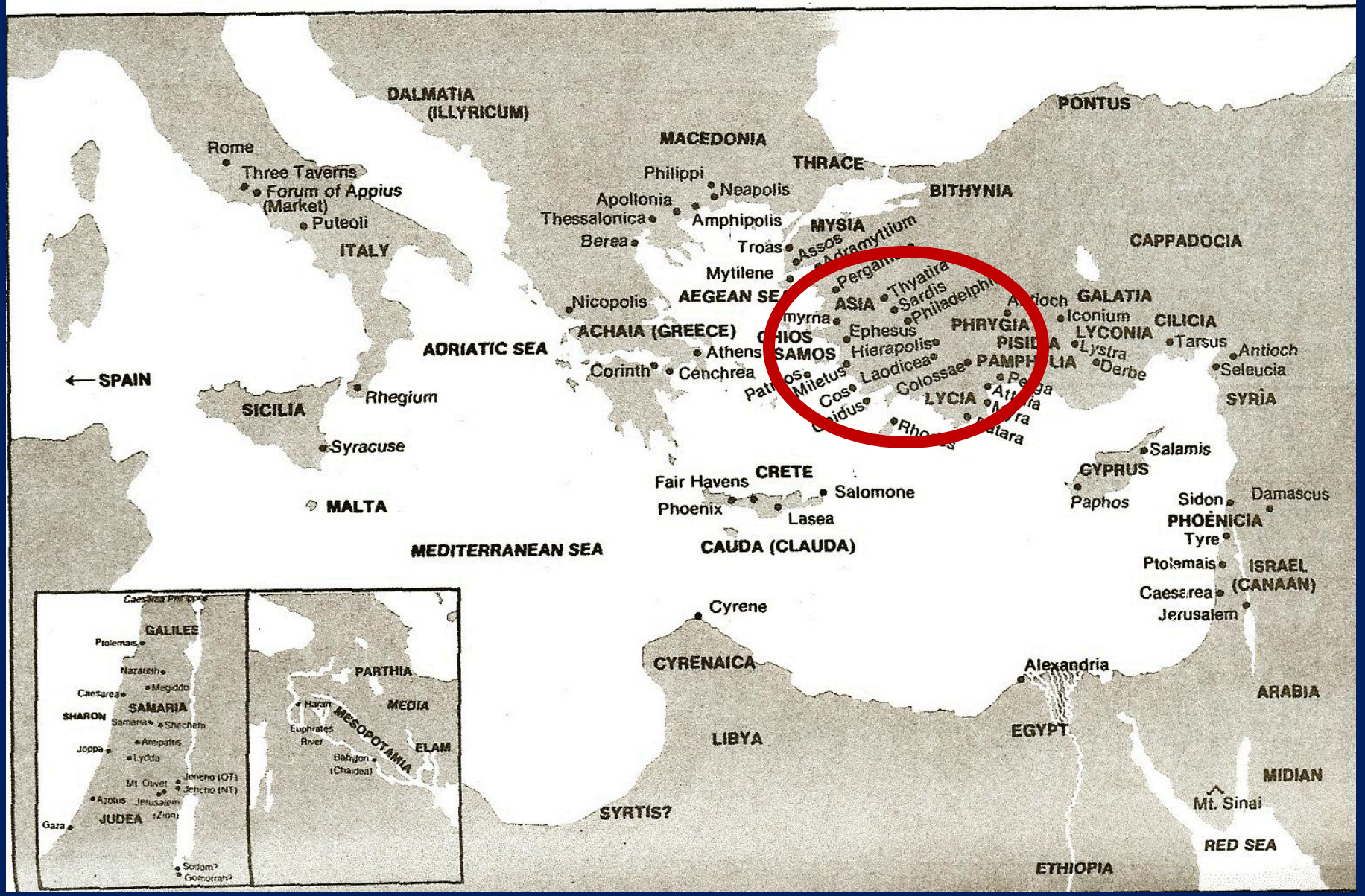
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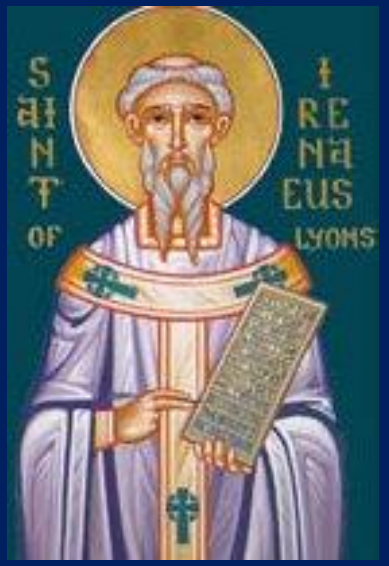


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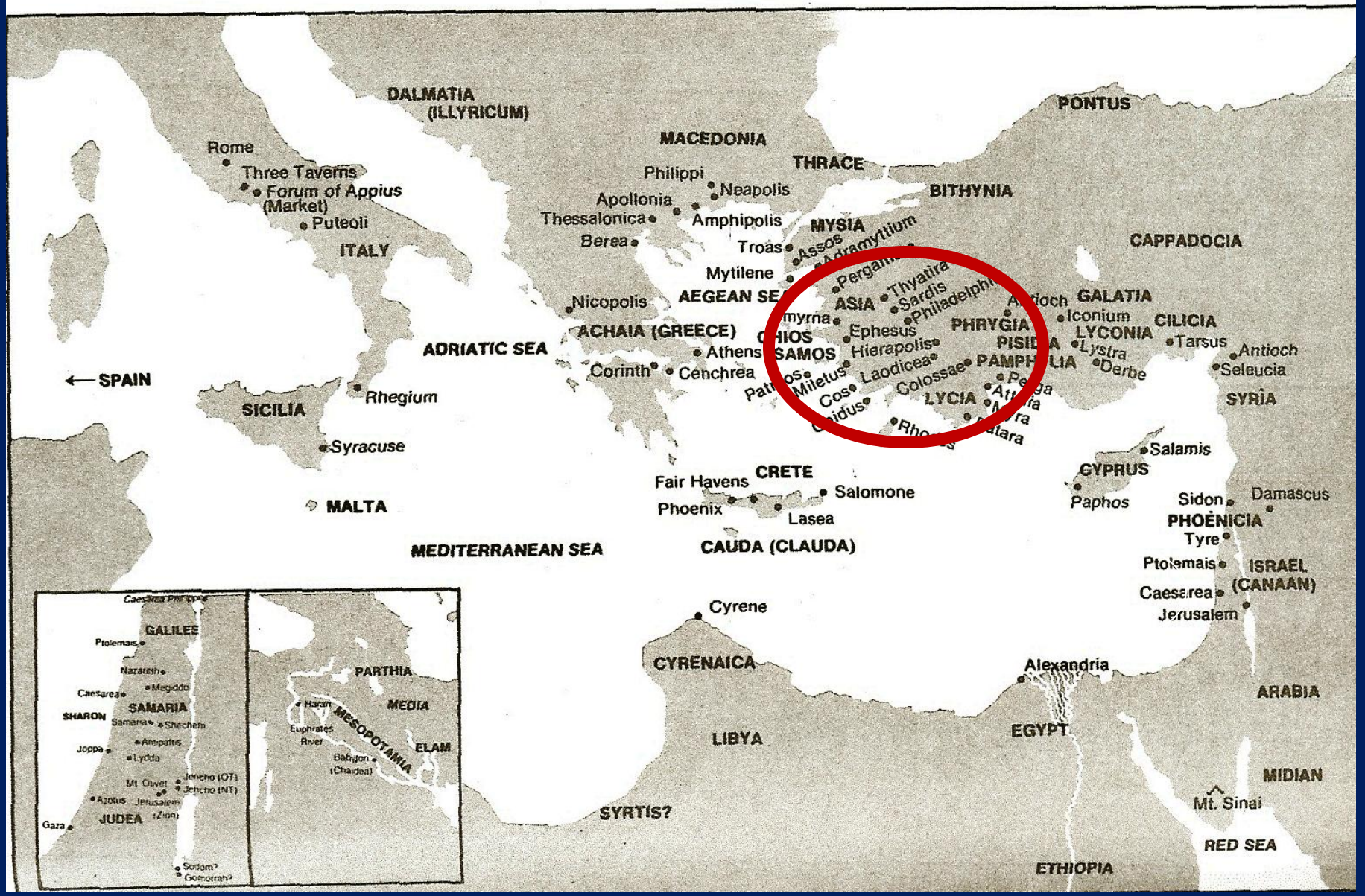


Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, 3.1.1

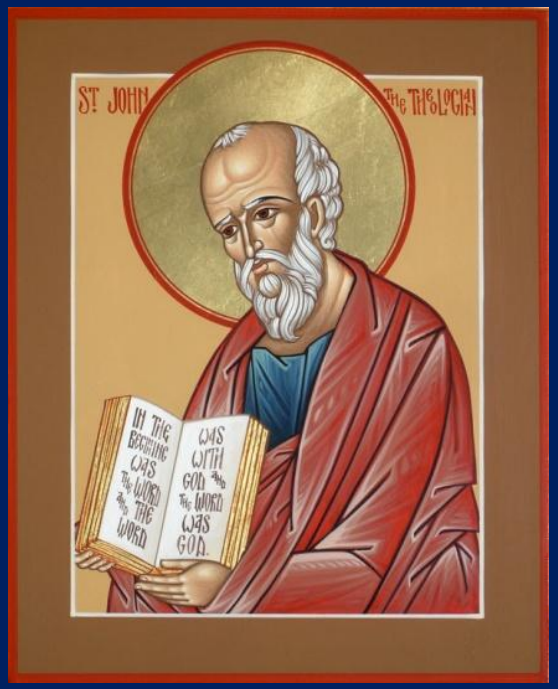


"Afterwards, John, the disciple of the Lord, who also had leaned upon His breast, did himself publish a Gospel during his residence at Ephesus in Asia."

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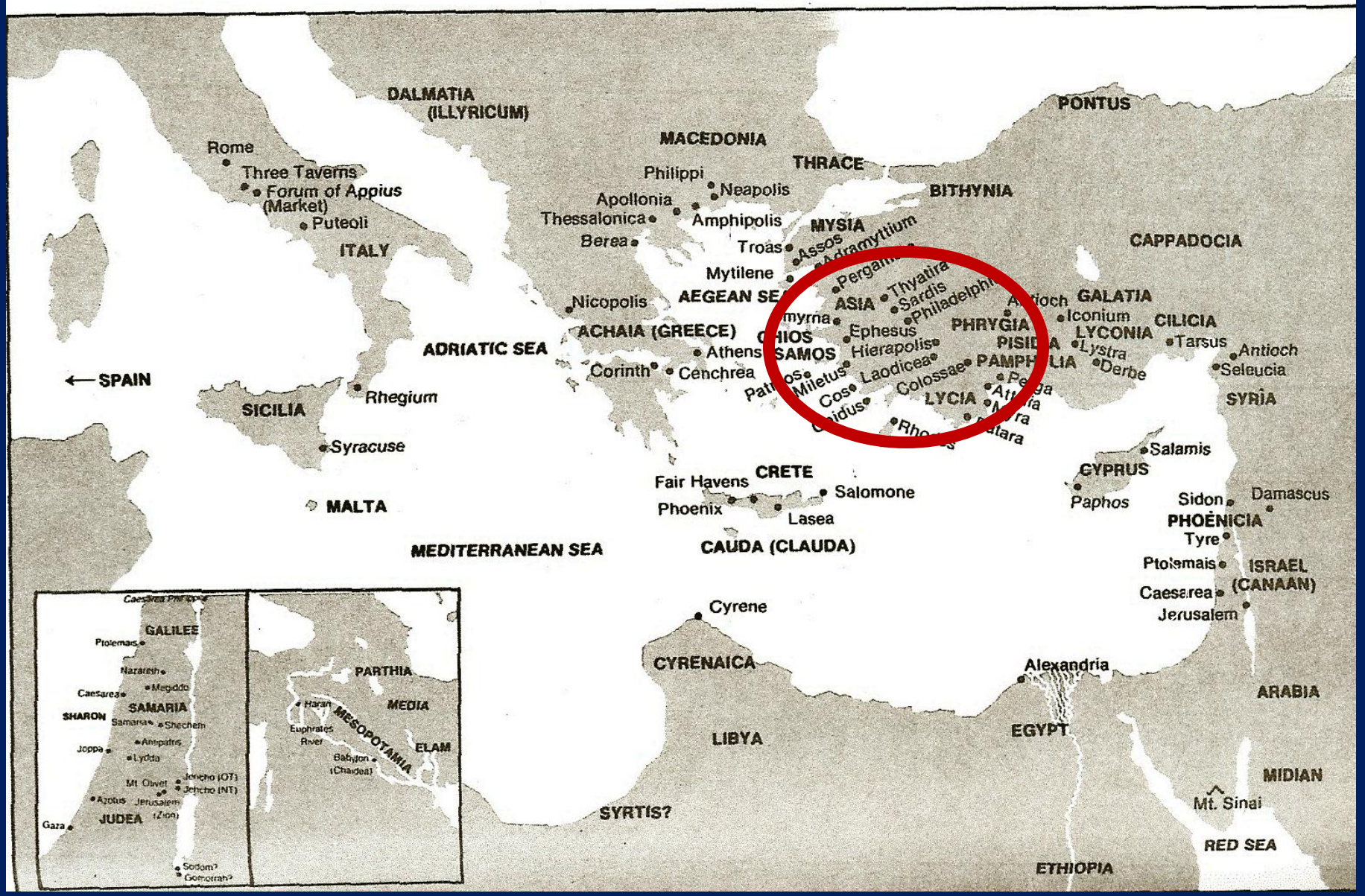


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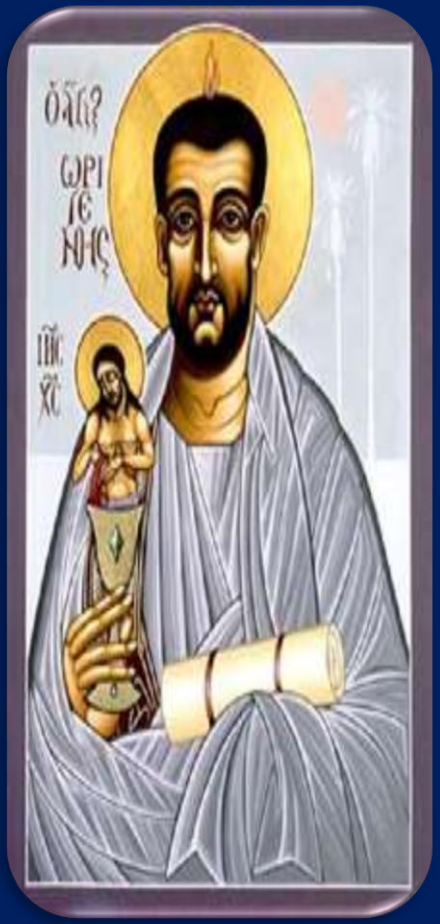
- Place of writing: Ephesus
- Audience:
  - Gentile (4:9)
  - Unbelieving (20:30-31)
  - Some believers (present tense of 20:31)

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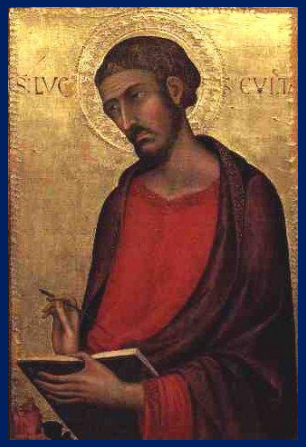
Eusebius Quoting Origen

- Among the four Gospels, which are the only indisputable ones in the Church of God under heaven, I have learned by tradition that the first was written by **Matthew**, who was once a publican, but afterwards an apostle of Jesus Christ, and it **was prepared for the converts from Judaism**, and published in the Hebrew language.



Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History*, 6.25.4

Luke 1:1-4



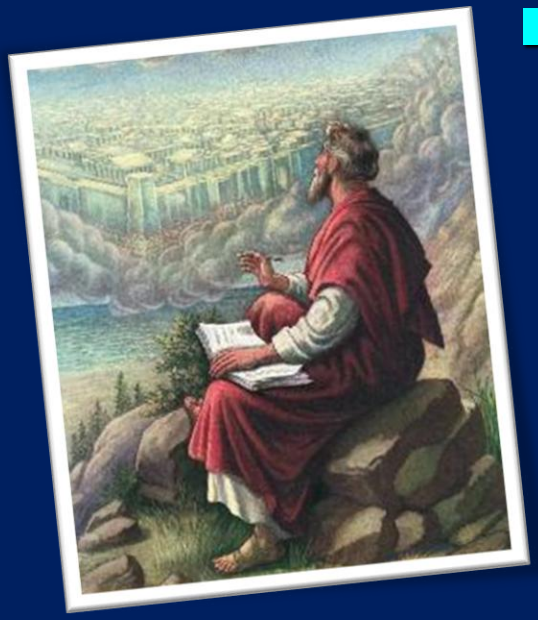
Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

Romans 1:8



First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

John 20:30-31



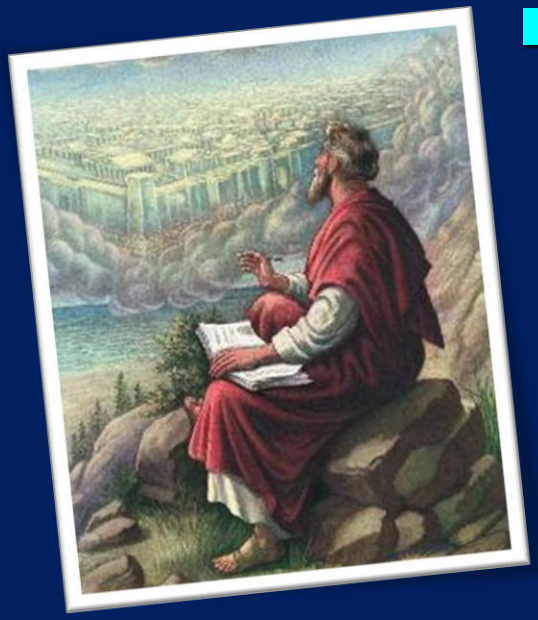
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Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*[b] (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.



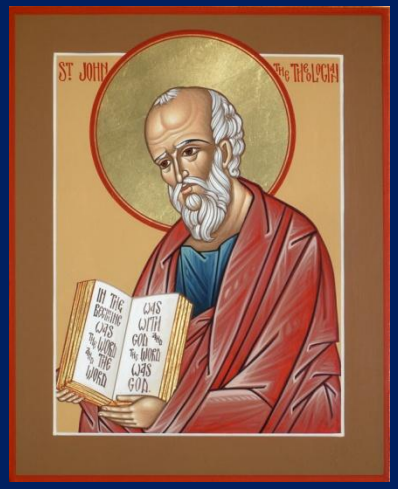
"Similarly, **the Gospel by John, which was written that men might believe** and believing have life through Christ's name (John 20:31), does not once use the word repentance."

John 20:30-31



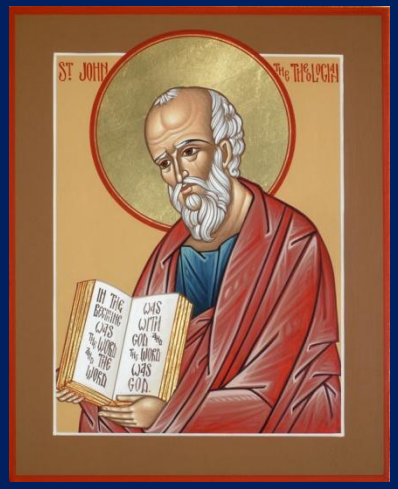
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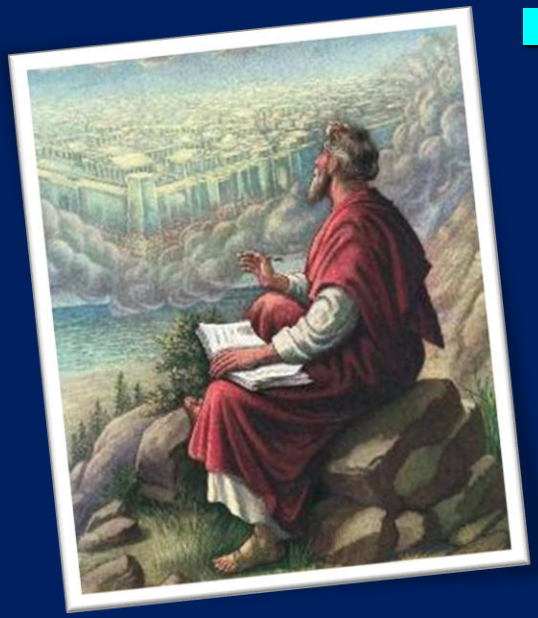
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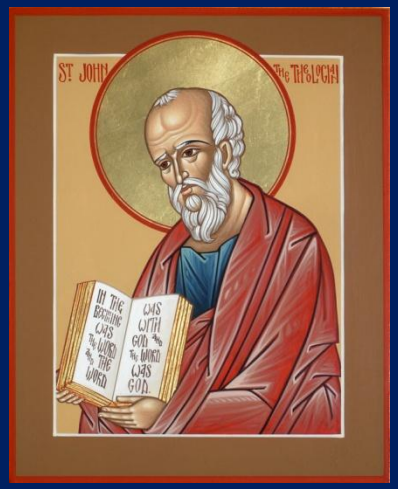
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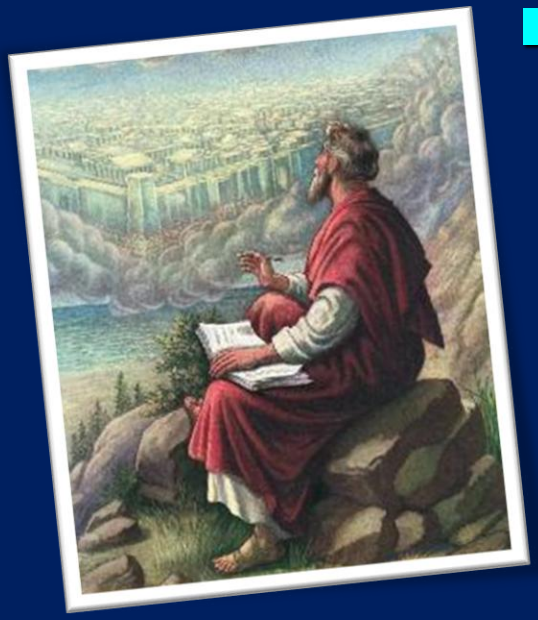
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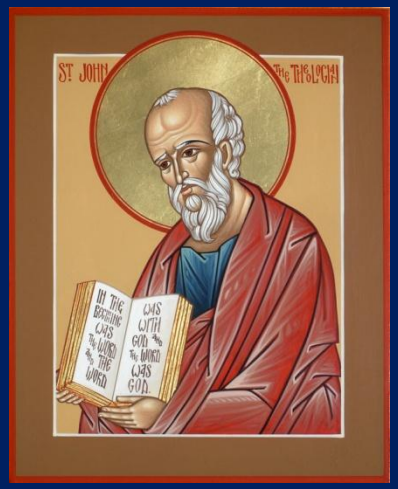
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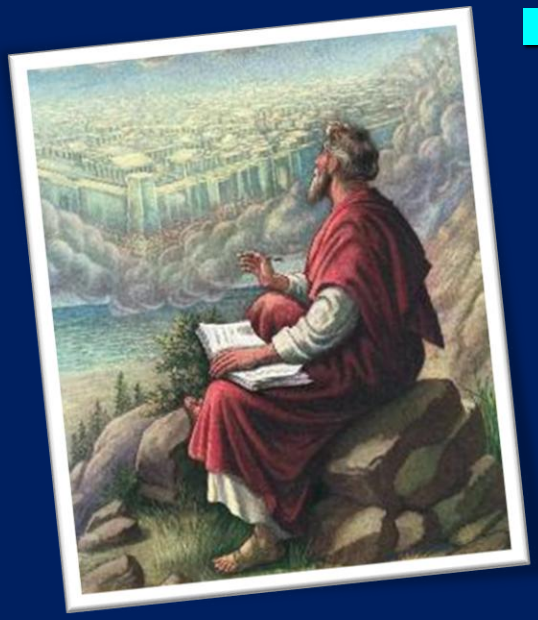
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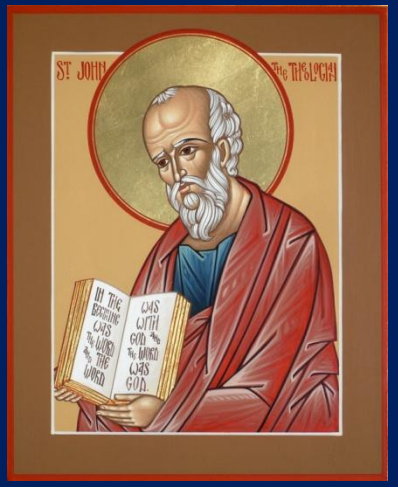
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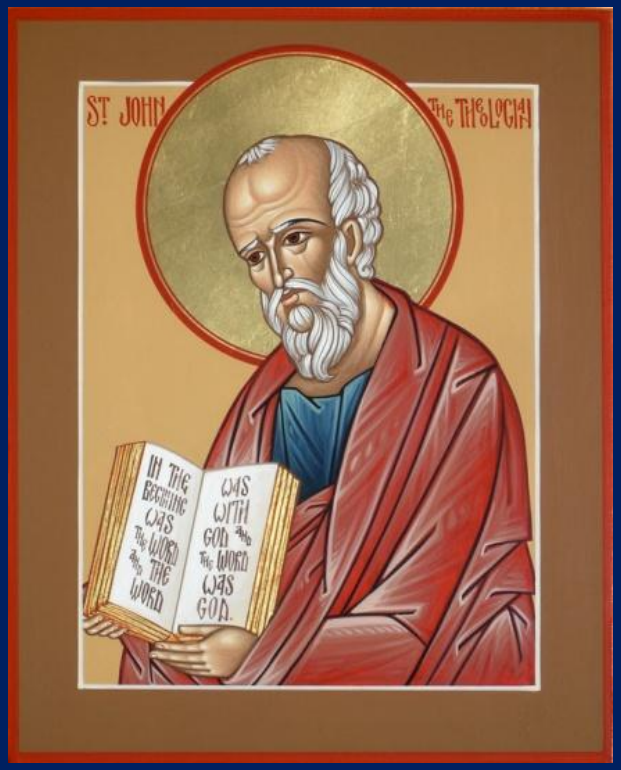
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Message



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Sources and Method



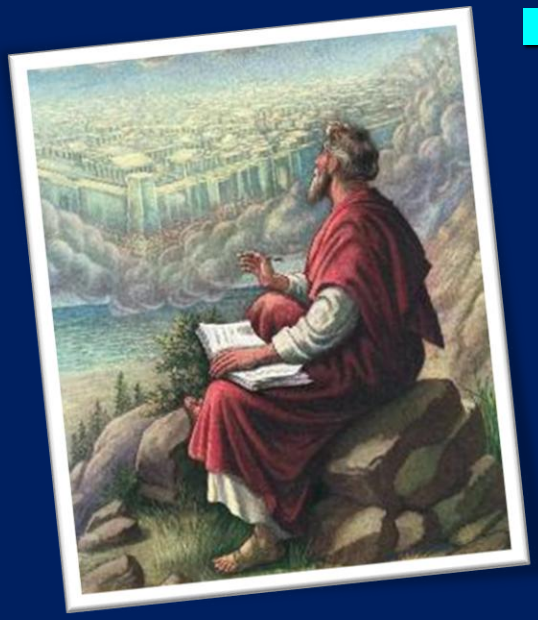
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  - Synoptics?
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"SEVEN SIGNS" in Gospel of John

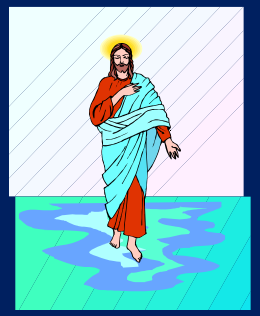








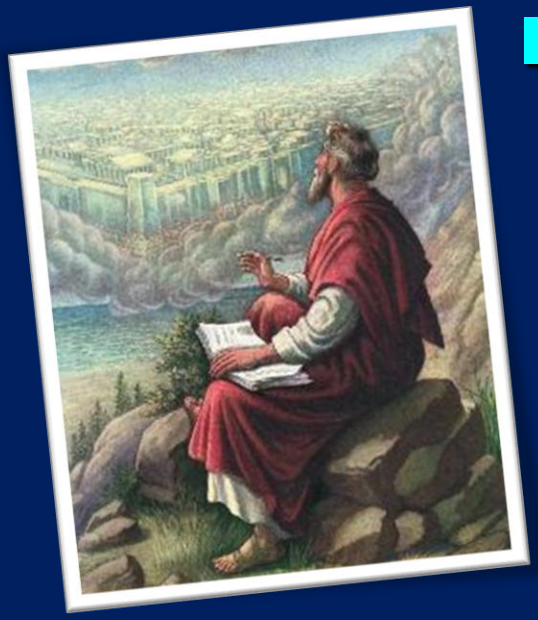
Changing Water into Wine	2:11
Healing official's son	4:46-54
Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda	5:1-18
Feeding the 5,000	6:5-14
Walking on water	6:16-21
Healing a blind man	9:1-7
Raising dead Lazarus	11:1-45







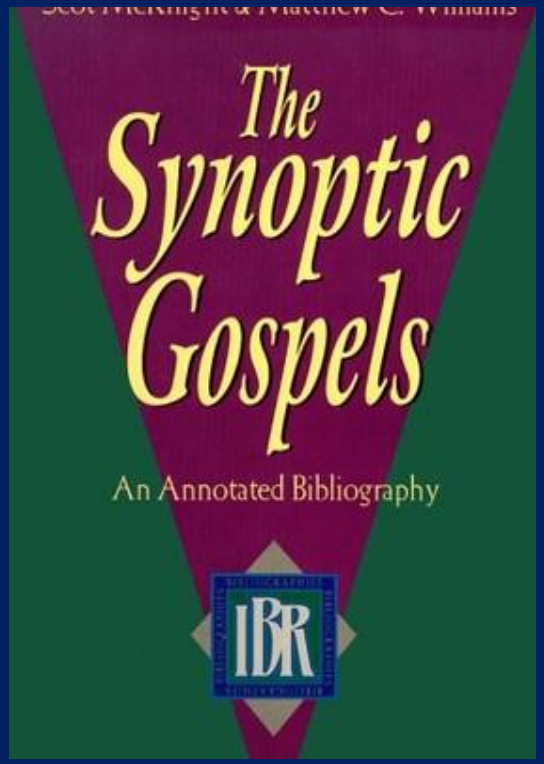
John 21:25



- “And there are also **many other things which Jesus did**, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.”

Synoptic Organization

- Christ's birth
- John the Baptist's ministry
- Christ's Galilean ministry
- Christ's journey to Jerusalem
- Christ's Jerusalem ministry
- Passion narratives
- Christ's resurrection



OUTLINE of JOHN

1:1-18	HEAVENLY GENEALOGY (Explains who Jesus is)
1:19-11:57	PUBLIC MINISTRY (7 signs & discourses)
12:1-50	TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (public national rejection of Christ-12:37)
13-17	UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE (new dispensation)
18-21	PASSION NARRATIVES (crucifixion to resurrection)

"SEVEN SIGNS" in Gospel of John

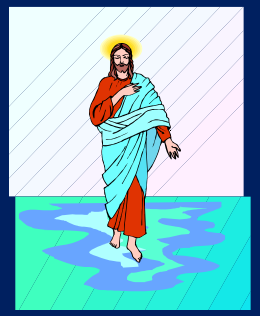








Changing Water into Wine	2:11
Healing official's son	4:46-54
Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda	5:1-18
Feeding the 5,000	6:5-14
Walking on water	6:16-21
Healing a blind man	9:1-7
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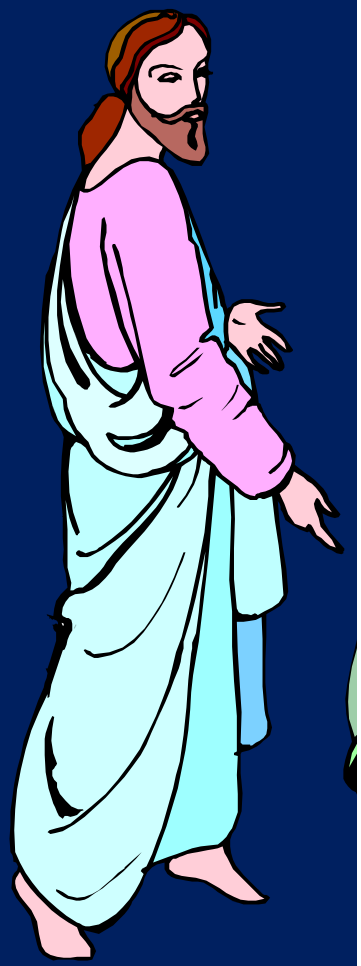


Seven Discourses



Discourse	**Verses**
New birth	3:1-36
Water of life	4:1-42
Equality with the Father	5:19-47
Bread of life	6:22-26
Life giving Spirit	7:1-52
Light of the world	8:12-59
Good shepherd	10:1-42

Seven "I AM" statements in John



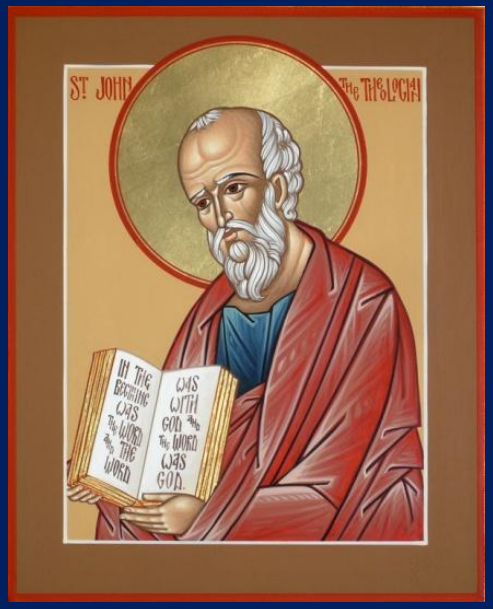
I am the Bread of Life	6:35
I am the Light of the world	8:12
I am the Gate for the sheep	10:7; cf. v.9
I am the Good Shepherd	10:11,14
I am the Resurrection and the Life	11:25
I am the Way and the Truth and the Life	14:6
I am the true Vine	15:1; cf. v.5



Christ's Five Trips to Jerusalem

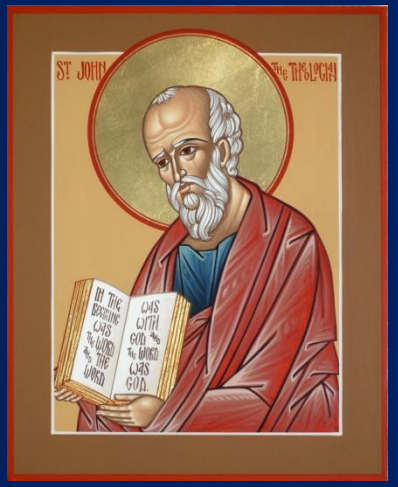
Feast	**Verse**
Passover	2:23
Unnamed	5:1
Tabernacles	7:2
Dedication	10:22
Passover	13:1

Unique Characteristics



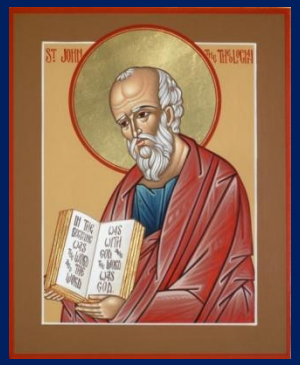
- Unique material
- Christ's deity
- Christ’s humanity (4:6-7)
- Unique literary devices
- Distinctions/unity in the Father-Son relationship
- Metaphors for Christ

Unique Characteristics



- Upper room discourse (13–17)
- 22 editorial comments
- Clearest purpose statement (John 20:30-31)
- Simple style
- Simple Greek
- More topical than chronological (as in the synoptics)

Unique Characteristics



- Eschatology as it pertains to the gift of eternal life
- Long interviews/conversations
- Light vs. darkness
- More theological than the synoptics
- Prologue (John 1:1-18)
- Importance of the gift of life for all (John 3:16; 10:16; 12:32)
- Many references to believe

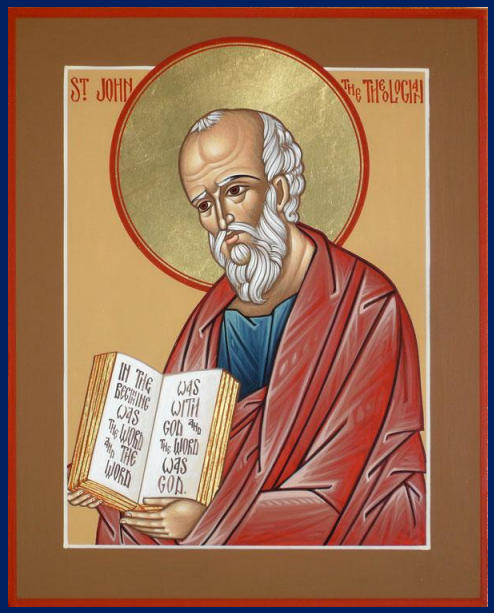
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"Similarly, the Gospel by John, which was written that men might believe and believing have life through Christ's name (John 20:31), **does not once use the word repentance**."

Conclusion

Answering Ten Questions



- Who wrote it? John
- What do we know about the author? Eyewitness
- When was it written? A.D. 85-95
- Where was it written from? Ephesus
- Who was it written to? Gentile unbelievers

Answering Ten Questions

- Why was it written? Evangelism
- What is it about? Jesus gives life to believers
- How does the writer accomplish his goal? Selective history
- What is inside? 5 part outline
- What makes the book different? Emphasis on believe

