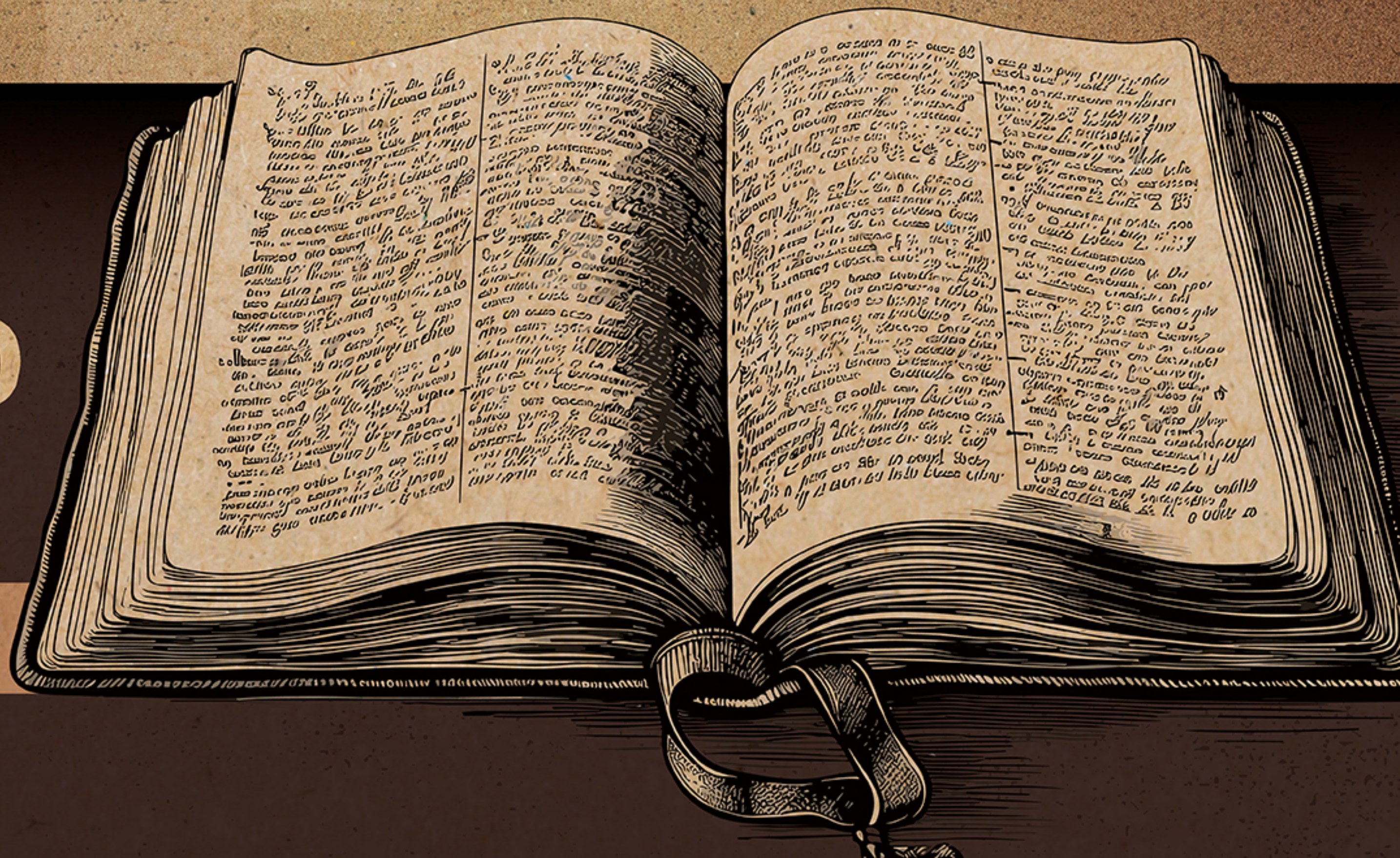


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AND UNDERSTAND
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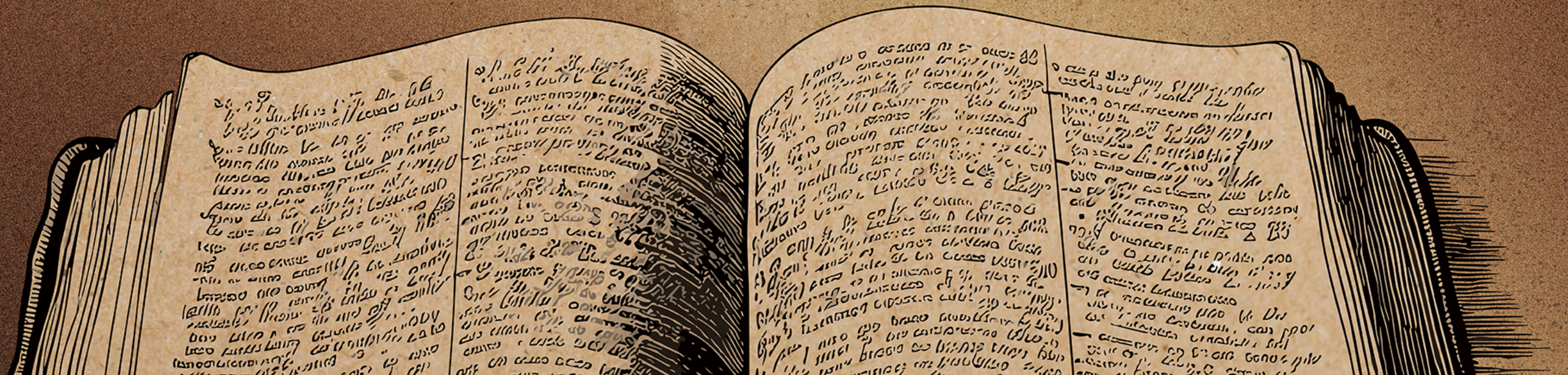
MEN'S MORNING STUDY



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE MAIN POINT—OR THE BIG IDEA—OF A WHOLE BOOK AS YOU READ AND STUDY IT?



FINDING THE MAIN POINT



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Many have undertaken to compile a narrative about the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as the original eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us. So it also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.

Luke 1:1-4

Luke's Purpose:

Certainty about Jesus.

John 20:30-31

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

John 20:30-31

But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

Why does John write his Gospel?

Belief and Life

CASE STUDY: JUDE



Jude 3

Dear friends, although I was eager to write you about the salvation we share, I found it necessary to write, appealing to you to contend for the faith that was delivered to the saints once for all.

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Review

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