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3 John

What is the book of 3 John?

- The book of 3 John is a letter. The letter doesn't say who the writer was. It's thought that the apostle John wrote it. The way the letter is written is very much like 1 John and 2 John.
- It's thought that John wrote this letter around the year AD 90.
- The New Testament includes three letters that are thought to be written by John. This is the third letter.

Who was 3 John written to?

- To a believer named Gaius. It's thought that Gaius was a church leader in the area of Ephesus.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that 3 John shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was 3 John written?

- To ask Gaius to help some believers who were travelling.
- To warn Gaius not to be like another church leader named Diotrephes.

Main ideas

- Staying faithful to the truth about Jesus.
- Serving other believers and working together with them.
- Doing good.

Outline

Greetings (1:1-2).

John encourages Gaius (1:3-8).

John warns against Diotrephes (1:9-11).

The good example of Demetrius (1:12).

Final greetings (1:13-15).