

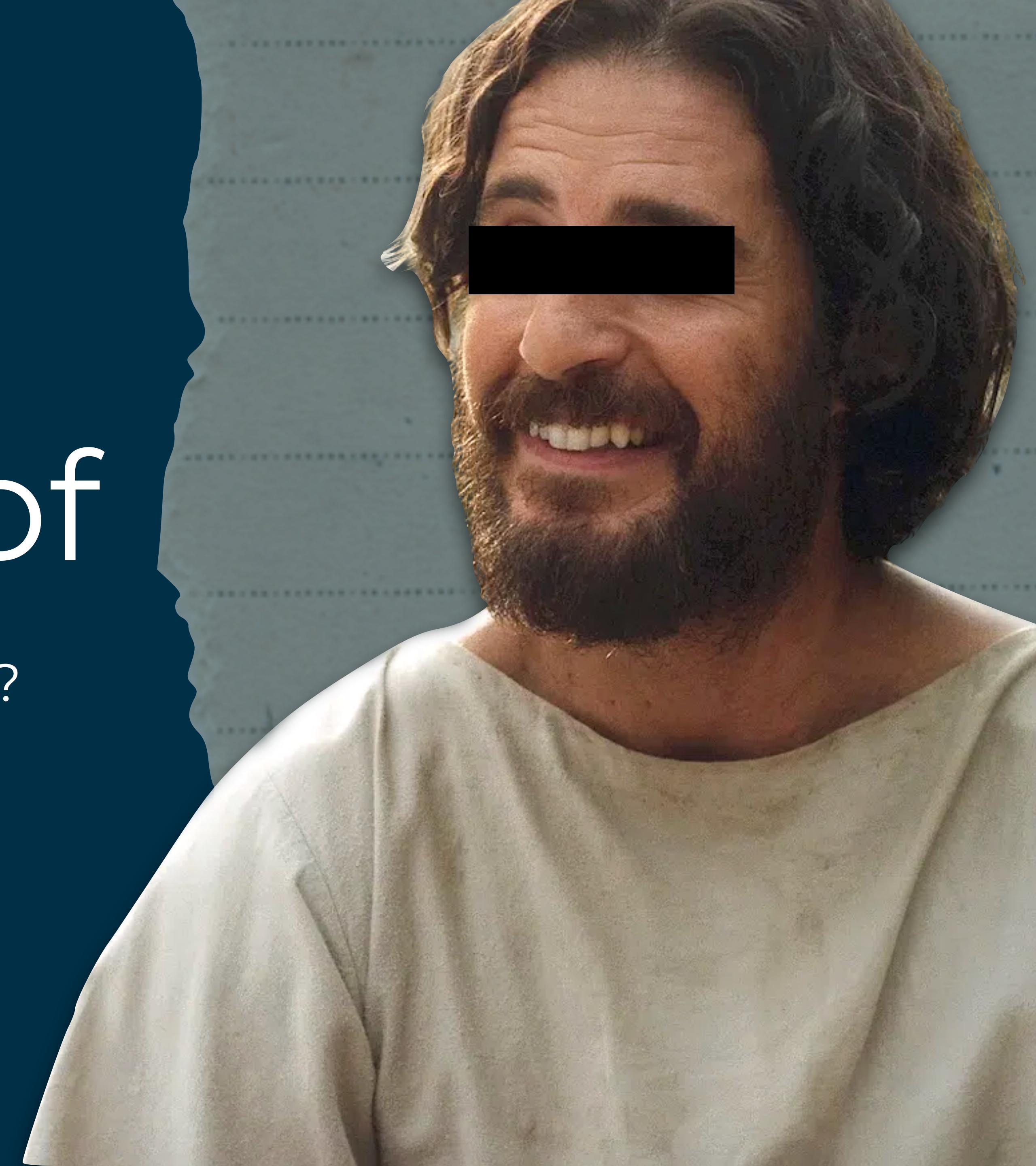


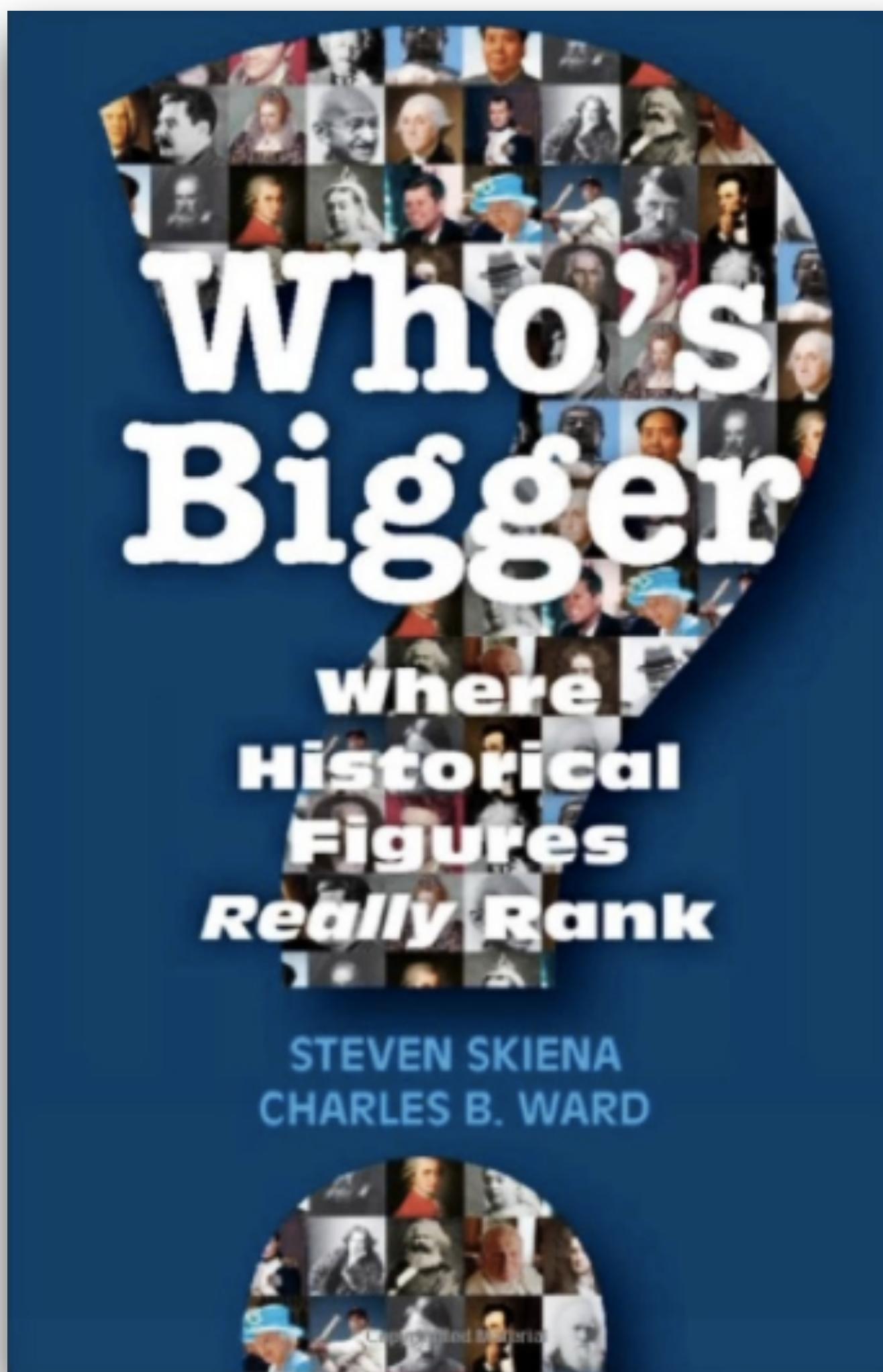
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# The Identity of Jesus

Man, Myth, or More?

Wesley Huff





INFLUENTIAL FIGURES: THE 'GOOGLE' TOP 50				
1: Jesus	15: Julius Caesar	27: Beethoven	41: James I	
2: Napoleon	16: Queen Victoria	28: Ulysses S Grant	42: Friedrich Nietzsche	
3: Muhammad	17: Martin Luther	29: Leonardo da Vinci	43: Franklin D Roosevelt	
4: William Shakespeare	18: Joseph Stalin	30: Augustus	44: Sigmund Freud	
5: Abraham Lincoln	19: Albert Einstein	31: Carl Linnaeus	45: Alexander Hamilton	
6: George Washington	20: Christopher Columbus	32: Ronald Reagan	46: Gandhi	
7: Adolf Hitler	21: Isaac Newton	33: Charles Dickens	47: Woodrow Wilson	
8: Aristotle	22: Charlemagne	34: Paul the Apostle	48: Johann Sebastian Bach	
9: Alexander the Great	23: Theodore Roosevelt	35: Benjamin Franklin	49: Galileo	
10: Thomas Jefferson	24: Mozart	36: George W Bush	50: Oliver Cromwell	
11: Henry VIII	25: Plato	37: Winston Churchill		
12: Charles Darwin	26: Louis XIV of France	38: Genghis Khan		
13: Elizabeth I		39: Charles I		
14: Karl Marx		40: Thomas Edison		

*Jesus*, Jonathan Roumie  
2017-2023



*Jesus*, Jim Caviezel  
2004



*Jesus*, Brian Deacon  
1980



*Jesus*, Diogo Morgado  
2013



*Jesus*, Willem Dafoe  
1988



*Jesus*, Antony Butters  
2020



“ Christians derived their name from a man called Christus, who, during the reign of Emperor Tiberius had been executed by sentence of the procurator Pontius Pilate. The deadly superstition, thus checked for the moment, broke out afresh not only in Judea, the first source of the evil, but also in the City of Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world meet and become popular. ”

Tacitus, Annals 15.44

Tacitus  
Ancient Roman Historian



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Tacitus, Annals 15.44



Luke  
3:1

“Pontius  
Pilate being  
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Pilate Stone  
discovered 1961, Caesarea  
maritime, Israel

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Antiquities 18.63-64; 20.200



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# 5 Details from Josephus

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- 2 Jesus' title as Christ
- 3 Jesus' brother, James
- 4 The fate of James
- 5 Controversy of Christians



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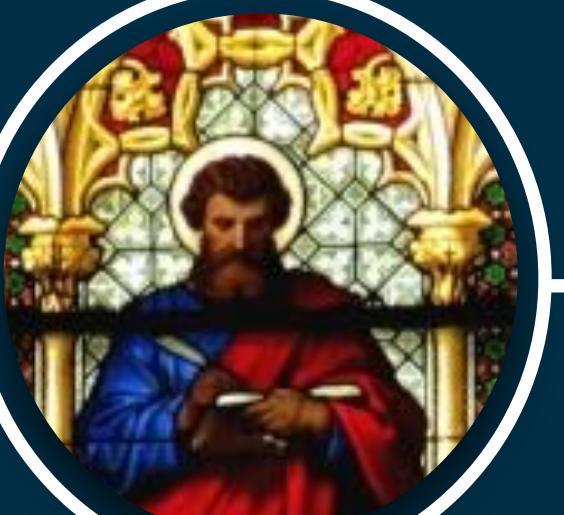


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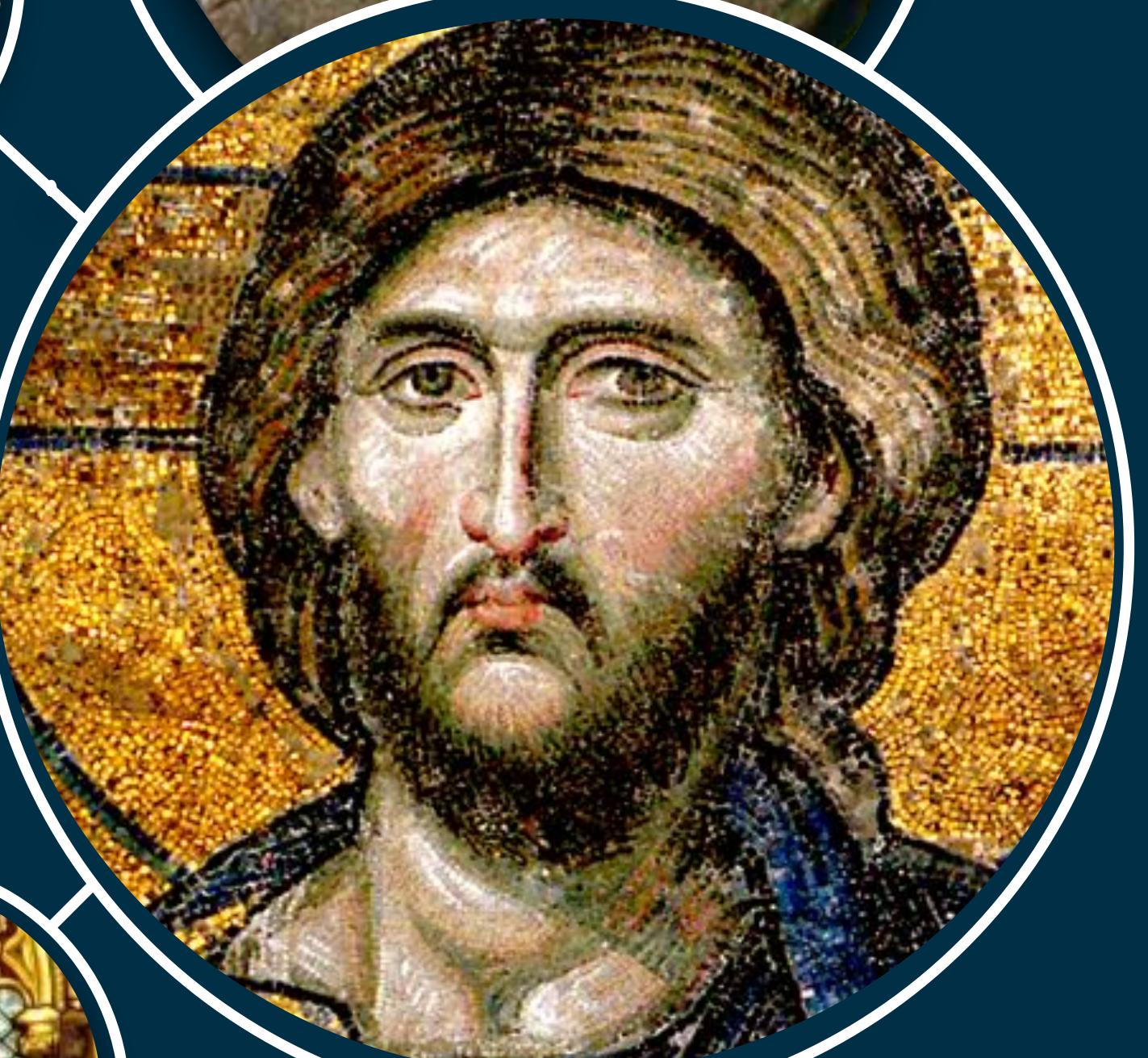
John



Mark



Luke



1st century



2nd century

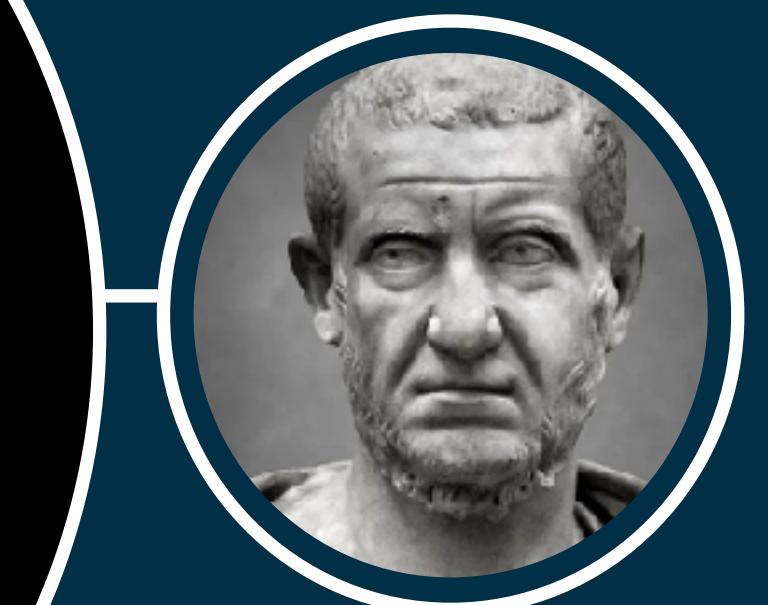
1st century  
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Velleius  
Paterculus



Tacitus



Suetonius



Cassius Dio

4th century



Matthew



4th century



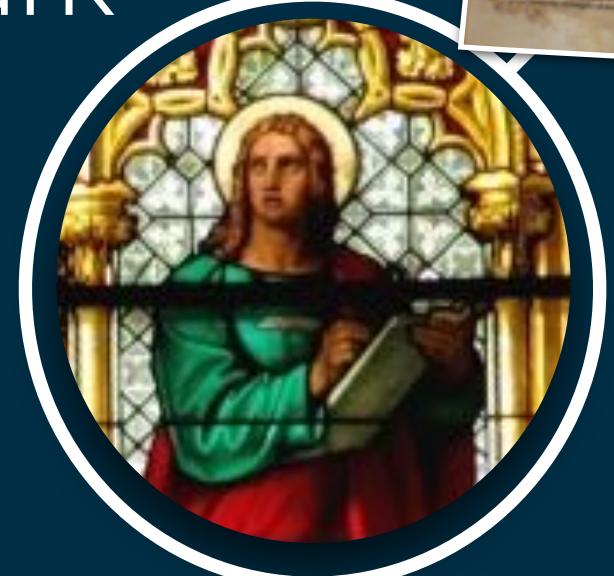
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3rd century  
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3rd century  
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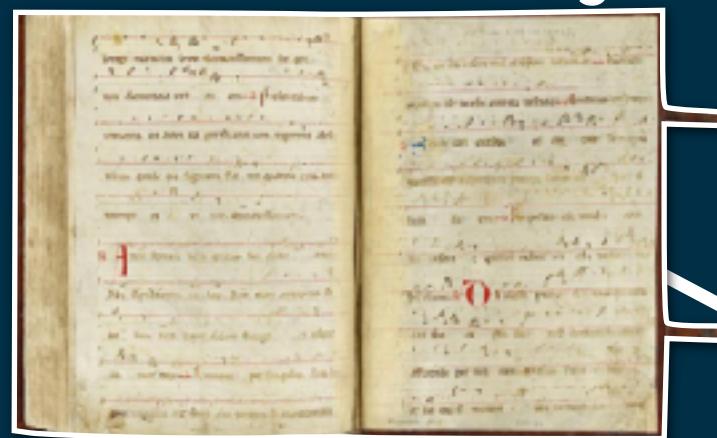
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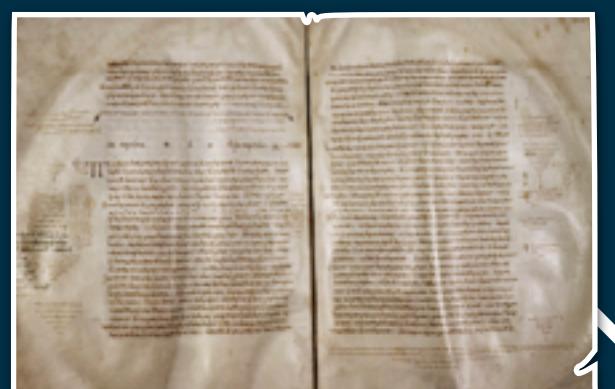
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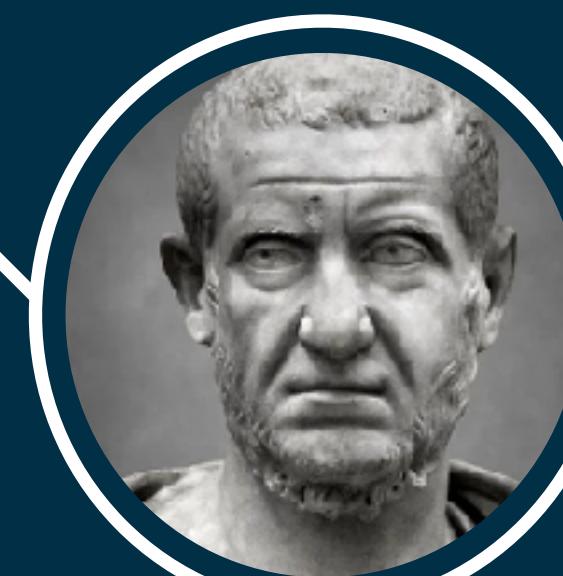
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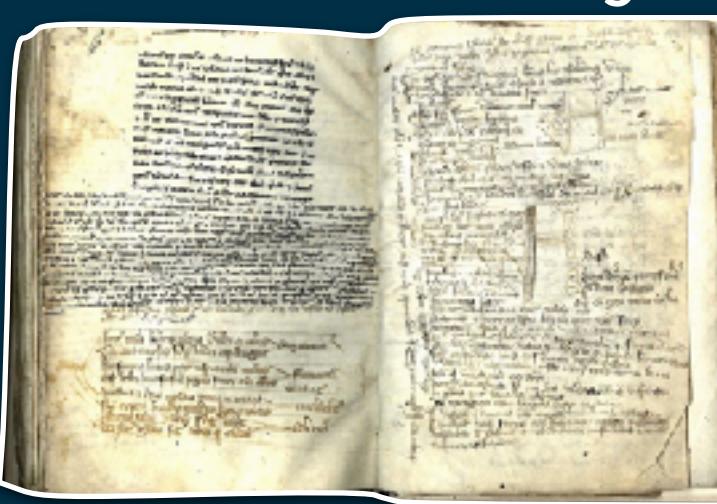
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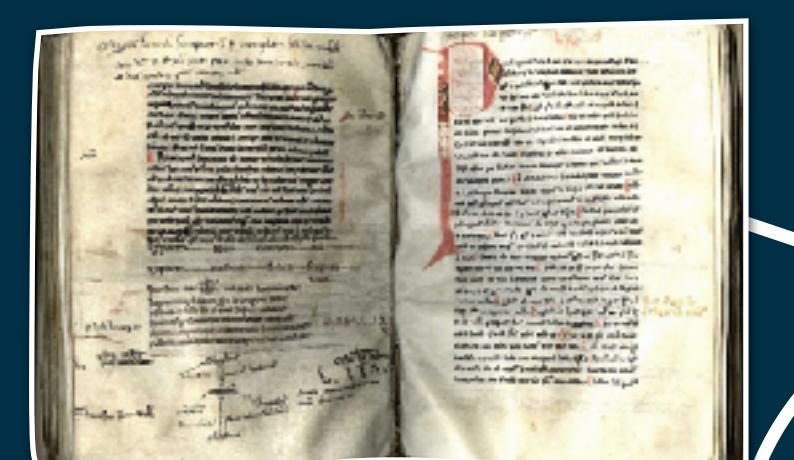
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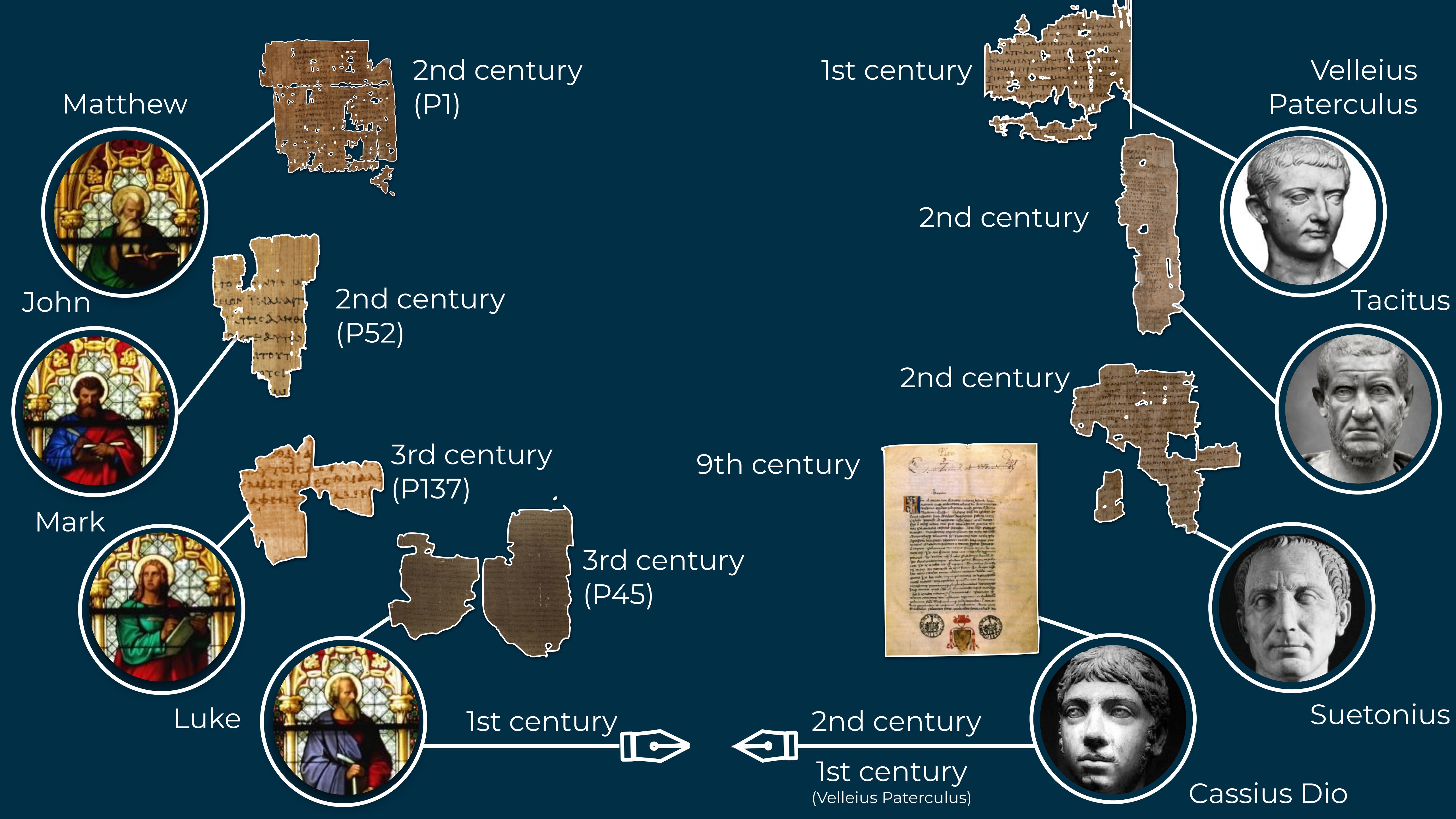


2nd century



Cassius Dio

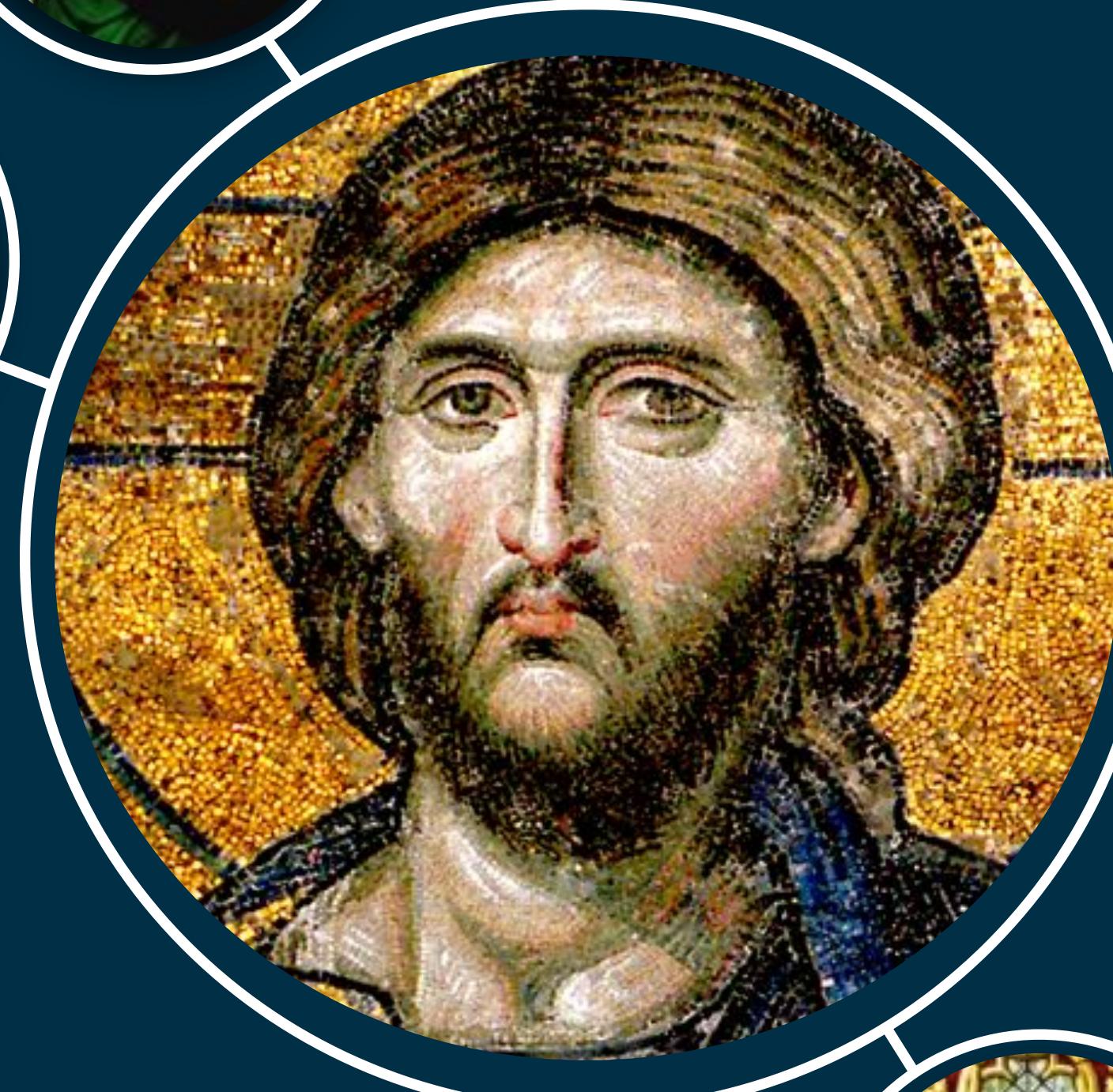
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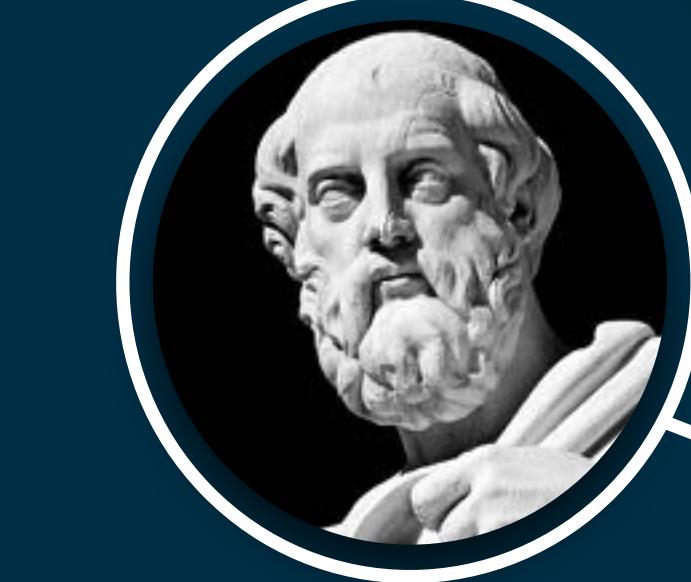


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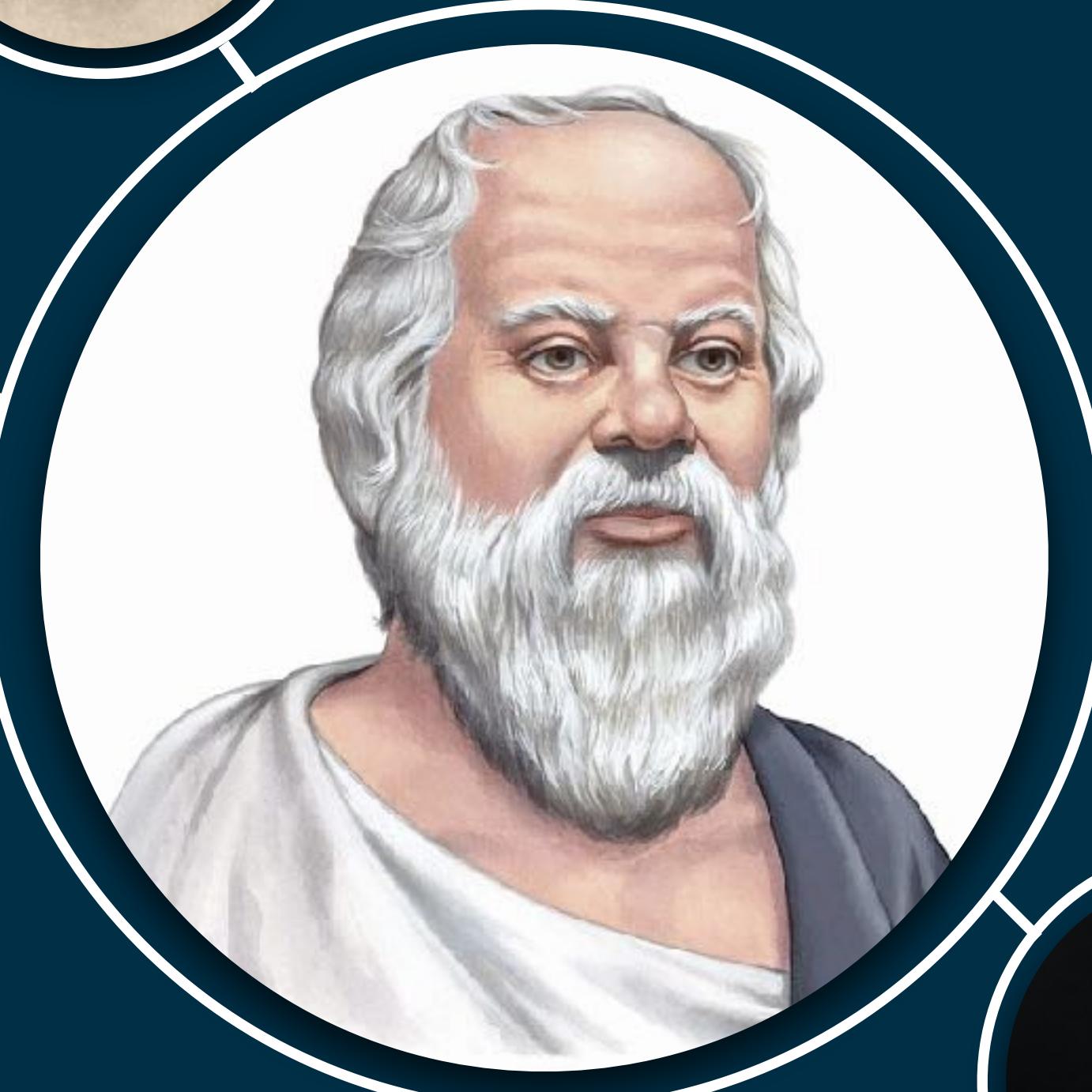
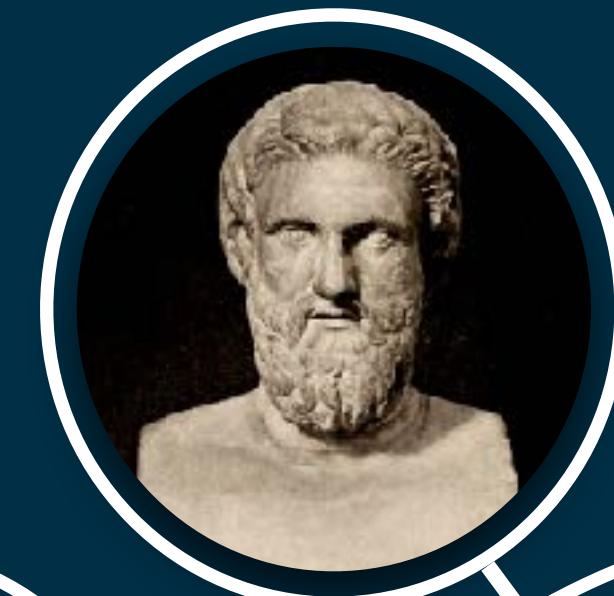
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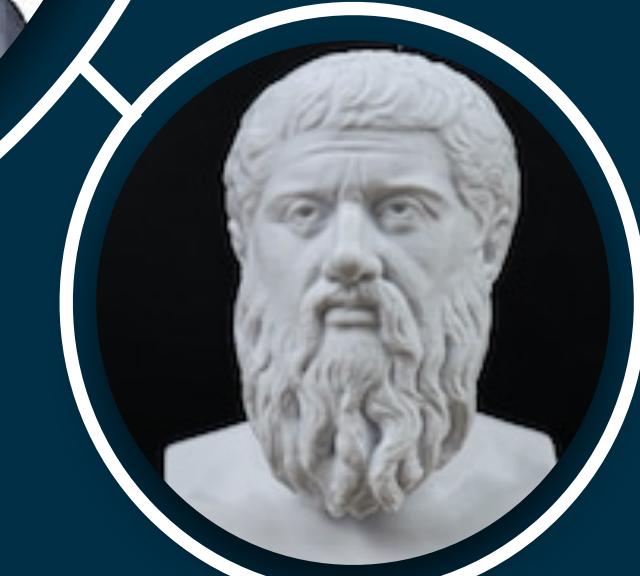
Plato



Xenophon



Aristophanes



*Historia Augusta -  
Life of Aelius*



*Lucian's Passing  
of Peregrinus*



Plutarch



Xenophon &  
Ceasar



Luke



1:1-4

“Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”

The Iliad



B. 1:1-15

“Rage: Sing, Goddess, Achilles’ rage, Black and murderous, that cost the Greeks incalculable pain, pitched countless souls of heroes into hades’ dark, and left their bodies to rot as feasts for dogs and birds. As Zeus’ will done.

Begin with the clash between Agamemnon — the Greek warlord — and godlike Achilles. Which of the immortals set these two at each other’s throats? Apollo, Zeus’ son and Leto’s, offended by the warlord. Agamemnon had dishonoured Chryses, Apollo’s priest, so the god struck the Greek camp with plague, and the soldiers were dying.”

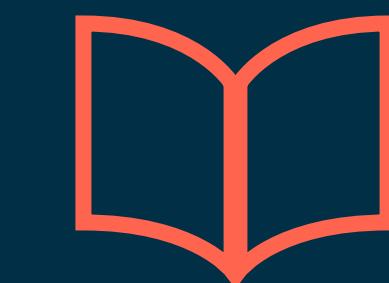


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“διήγησις”

“account / narrative”

Josephus,  
*Life*



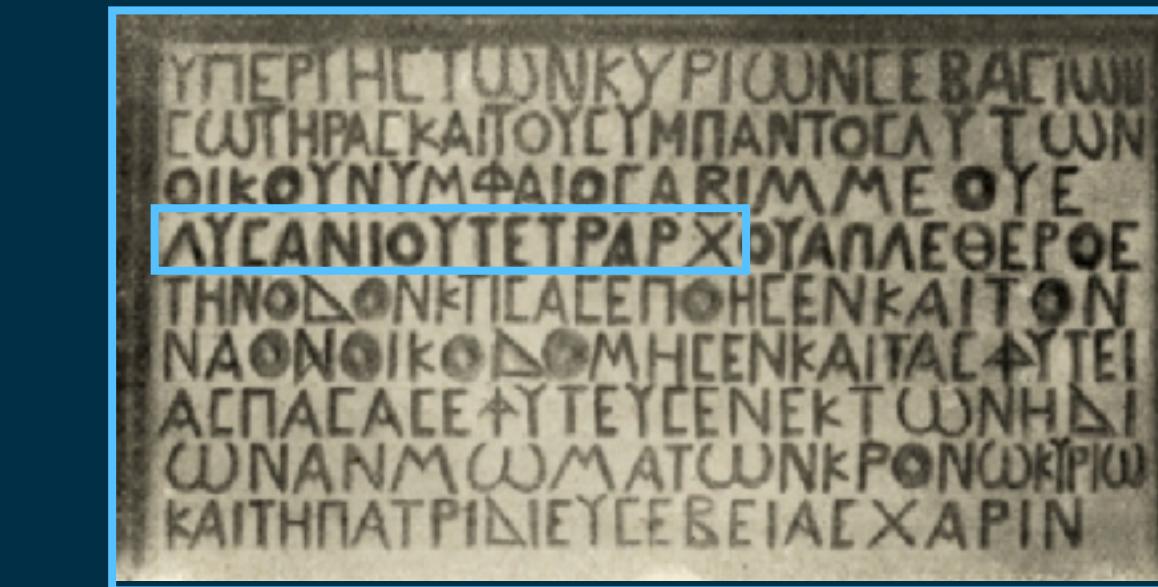
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Lucian, *How  
to Write  
History*



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Lysanias  
AD 14 - AD 29



Philip  
BC 26 - AD 34



Roman Emperor  
AD 14 - 37



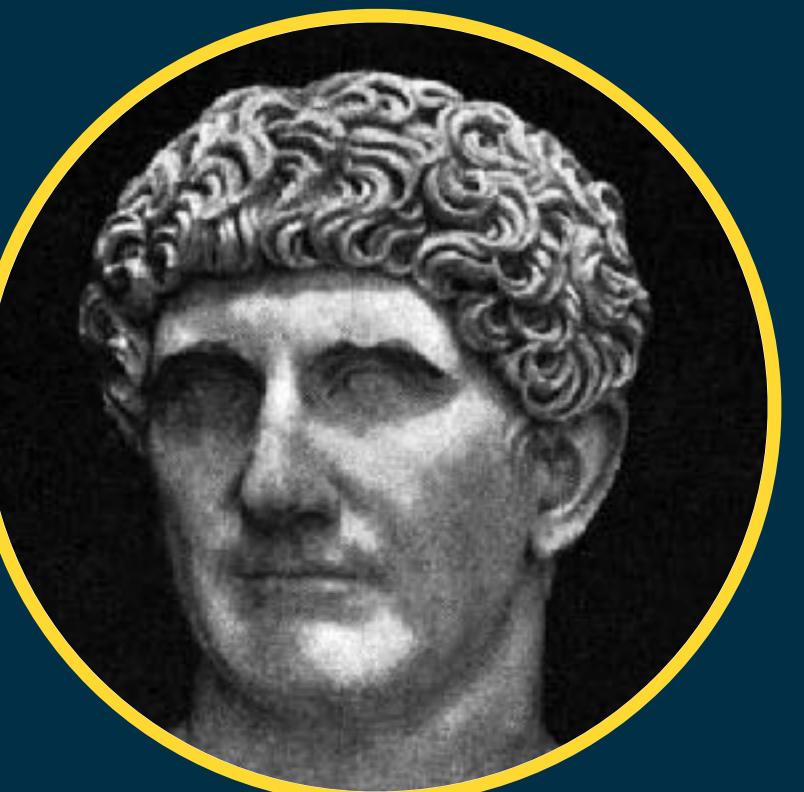
Luke  
3:1-3

In the fifteenth year of the reign of **Tiberius Caesar**, **Pontius Pilate** being governor of Judea, and **Herod** being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother **Philip** tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and **Lysanias** tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of **Annas and Caiaphas**, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

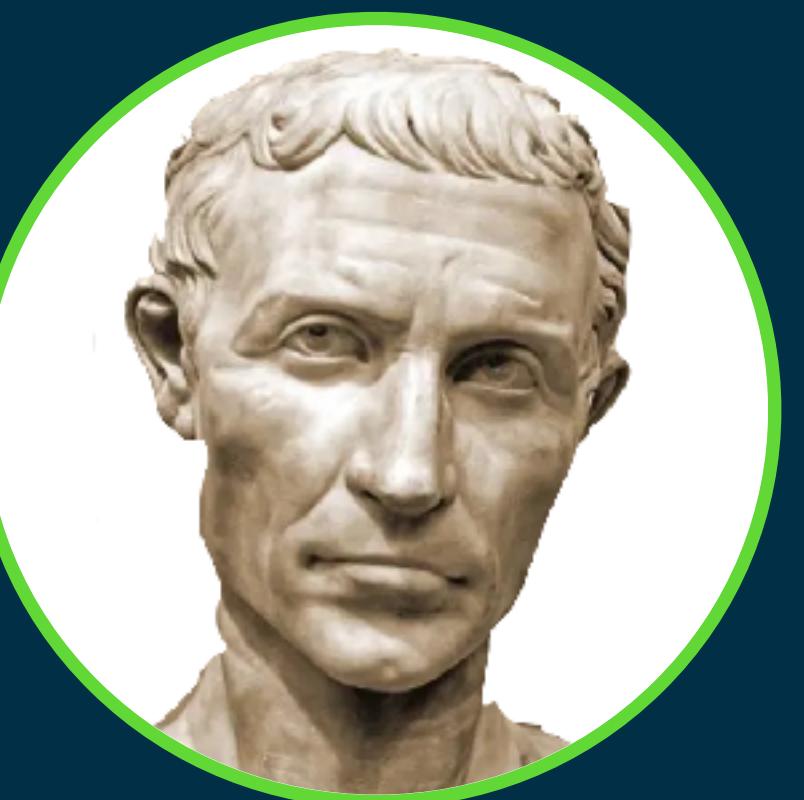
Annas & Caiaphas  
BC 26 - AD 34



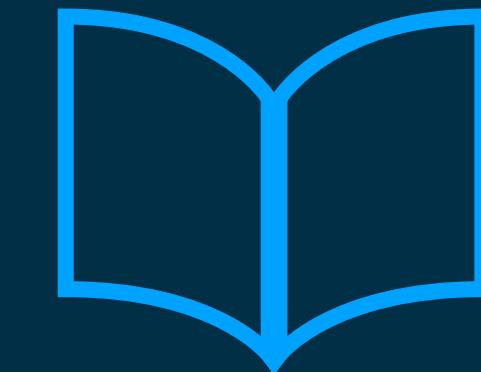
Herod Antipas  
BC 4 - AD 39



Roman Governor  
AD 26/27 - 36/37

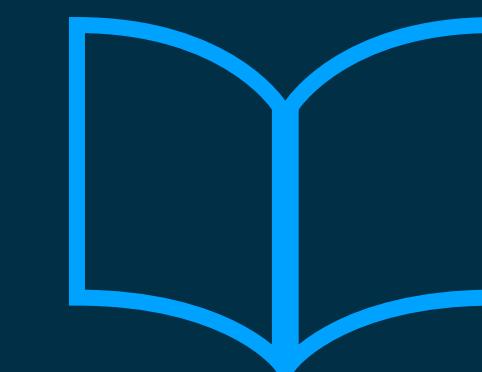


Matt.



16:15

Mark



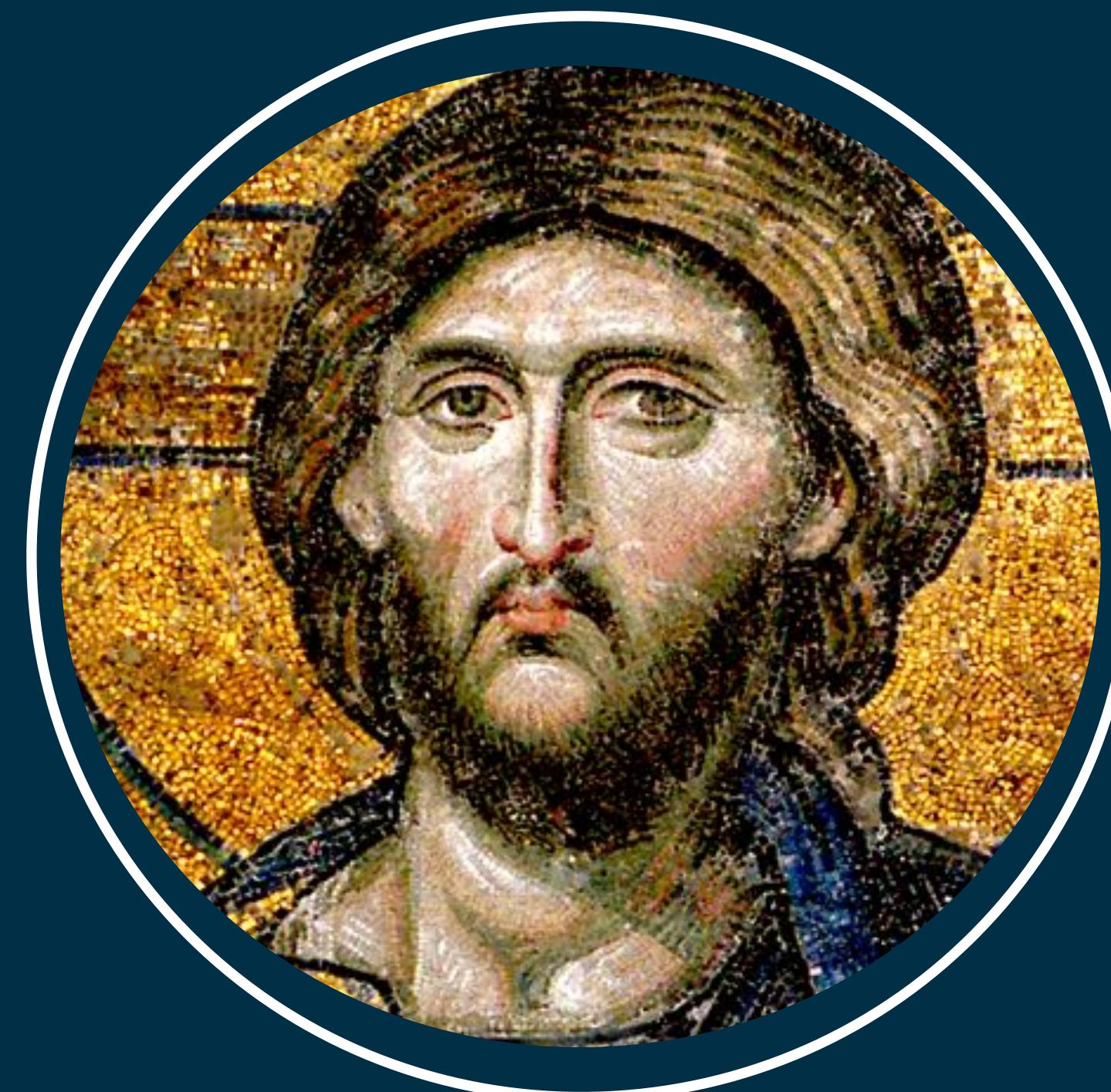
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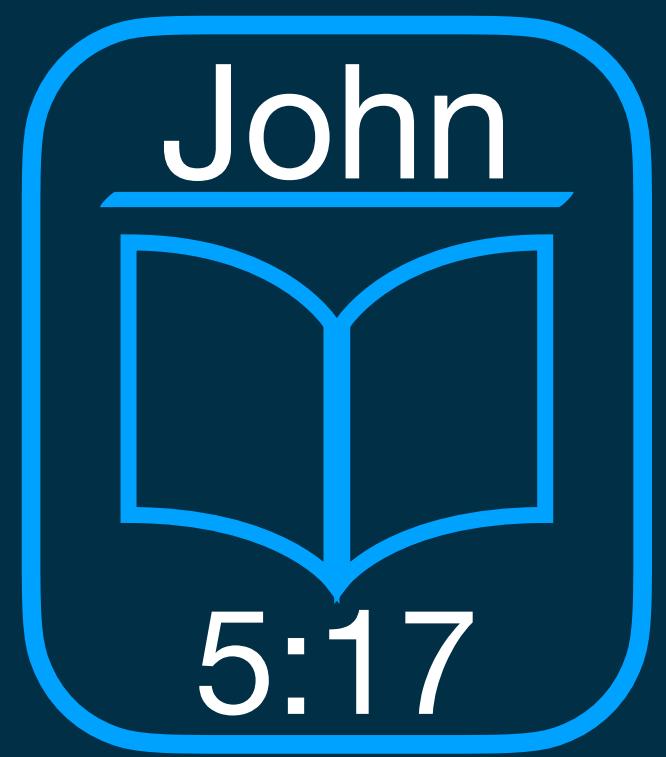
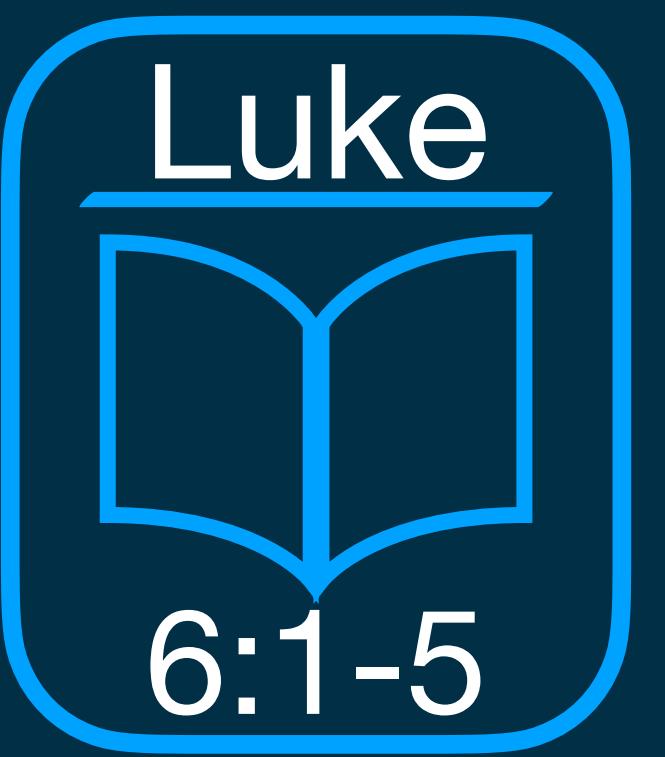
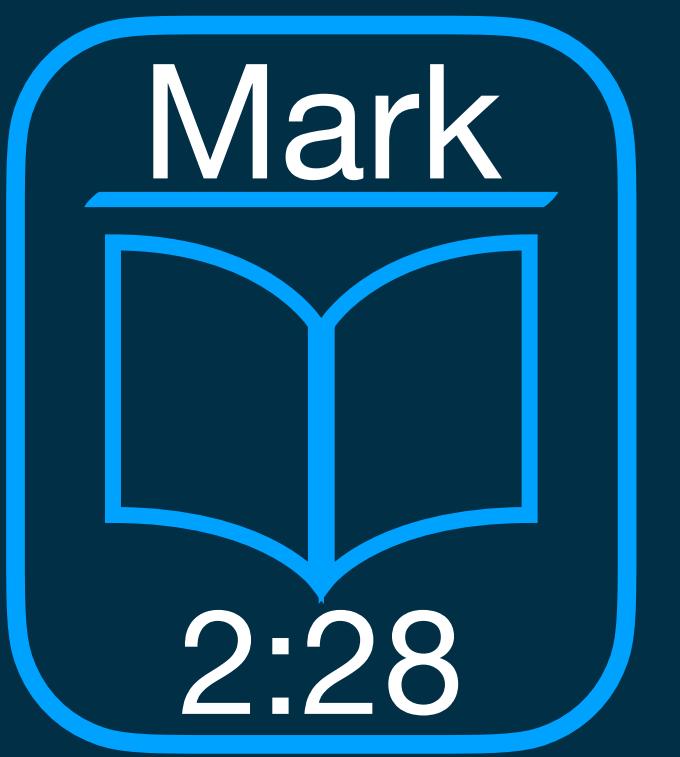
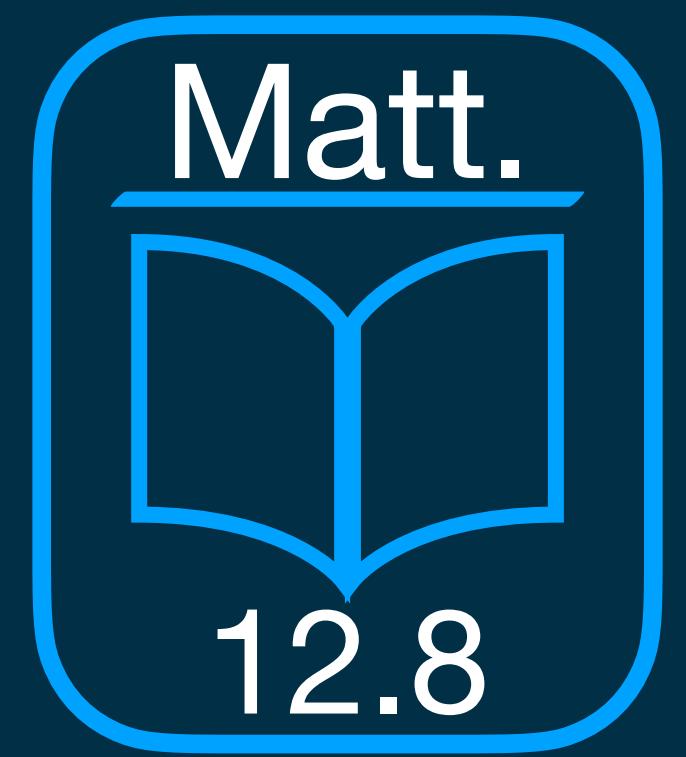
9:20

“Who do you



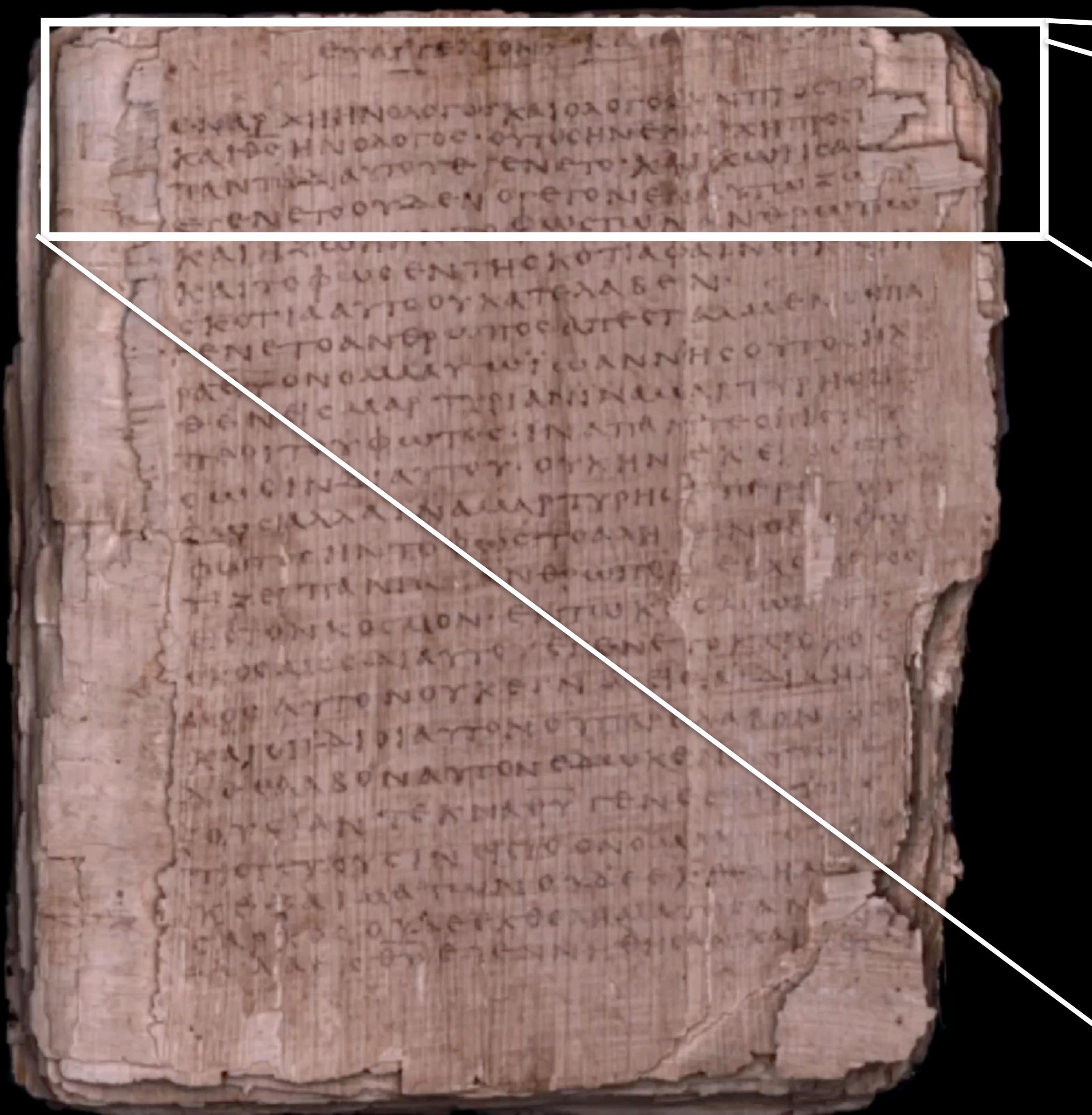
say that I am?”





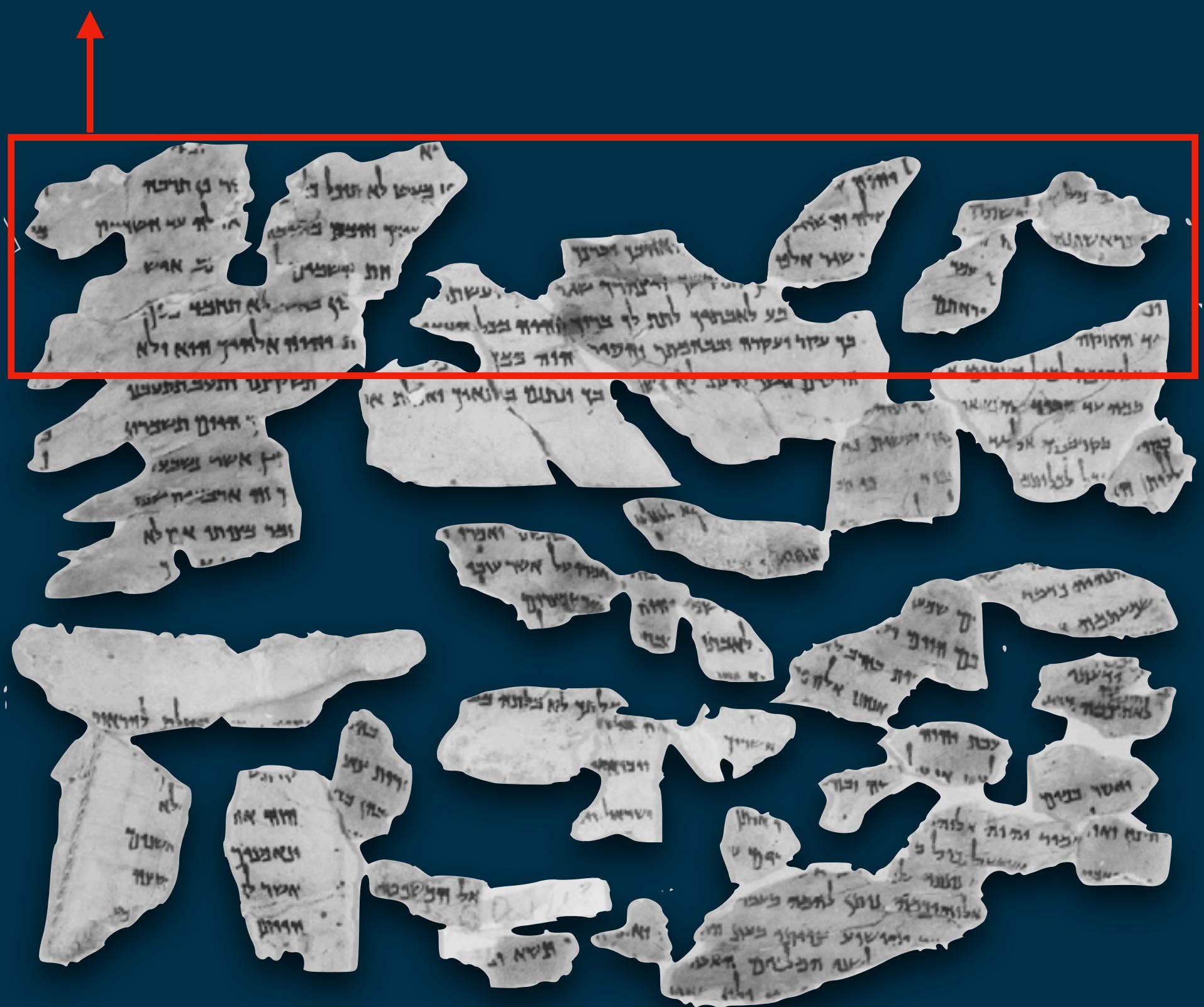
“Lord of the Sabbath”

A circular watermark in the background features a portrait of Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, looking slightly to the right. The portrait has a dark, textured background.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

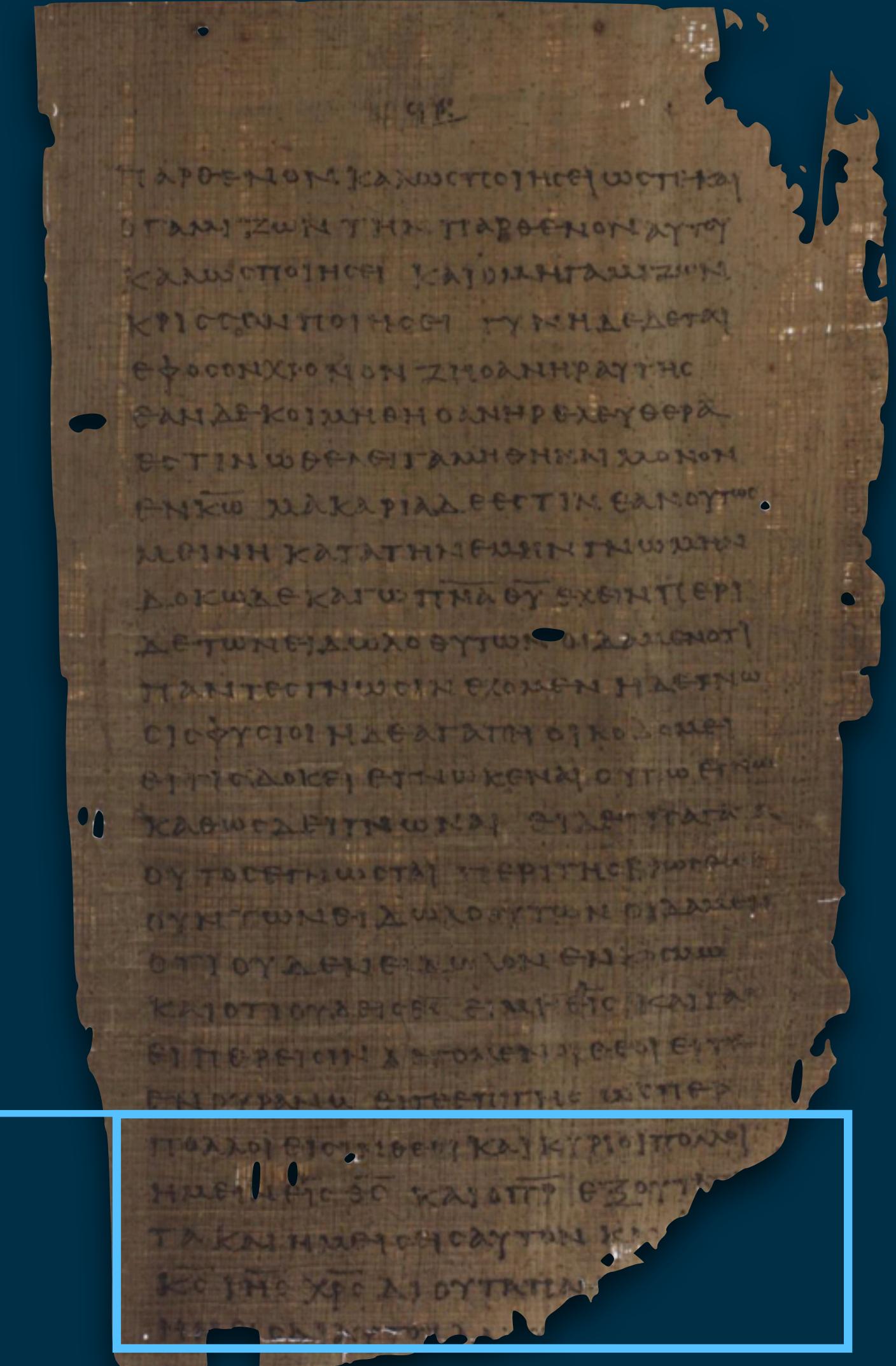
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD (YHVH) our God, the LORD (YHVH) is one.”



4Q43, Deuteronomy  
6:4-11, 1st century BC.



“...yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.”



P46, 2nd/3rd century,  
1 Cor. 8:6-7