

# Teaching and Learning

## More Greek Vocabulary

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- διδάσκω, "I teach, instruct"
  - 1<sup>st</sup> aorist: ἐδίδαξα (σκ + σ = ξ)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> aorist passive: ἐδίδαχθην
- ὁ διδάσκαλος, "teacher, instructor, tutor"
  - also called κύριος or (transliterating the Hebrew) ῥάββι
- ἡ διδασκαλία, "teaching"
  - the *act* of teaching
  - by extension a "lesson" or course of "training"



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- ἡ διδαχή, "teaching"
  - largely synonymous with διδασκαλία
  - often the *content* of Christian teaching
- συνάγω, "gather, assemble, come together"
  - Future: συναξω (ἄξω) ( $\gamma + \sigma = \xi$ )
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> aorist: συνηγαγον (ἤγαγον)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> aorist passive: συνηχθην (ἤχθην) ( $\epsilon + \alpha\gamma + \theta = \eta\chi\theta-$ )
- ἀκολουθέω, "I follow, emulate"
  - 1<sup>st</sup> aorist: ἠκολουθησα (don't confuse with aor. or future pass.)
  - Doesn't appear in aor. pass. in NT



# Learners and Learning

- λογίζομαι, "I calculate, reckon, consider"
  - Remember  $\zeta + \sigma = \sigma$  (ἐλογισαμην, ἐλογισθην)
- μανθάνω, "I learn"
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> aorist: ἐμαθον (stem is μαθ-)
  - English: mathematics, polymath
- ὁ μαθητής, "disciple, student"
  - masc. article throughout
  - 1<sup>st</sup> decl. endings except 2 places

	singular		plural	
nom.	ὁ	μαθητ <u>ης</u>	οἱ	μαθητ <u>αι</u>
gen.	του	μαθητ <u>ου</u>	των	μαθητ <u>ων</u>
dat.	τῷ	μαθητ <u>ῃ</u>	τοῖς	μαθητ <u>αῖς</u>
acc.	τον	μαθητ <u>ην</u>	τους	μαθητ <u>ας</u>
voc.	-	μαθητ <u>ε</u>	-	μαθητ <u>αι</u>

# Knowledge and Its Preservation

- ἡ σοφία, "wisdom"
  - so ἡ φιλοσοφία is the "love of wisdom" or "philosophy"
  - taken to encompass a whole way of life
  - to be modeled by the teacher
- το σημεῖον, "sign, signal, symbol"
  - English: semiotics
- ἡ παραβολή, "parable, saying, proverb"
  - can be used for any figurative language
  - Jesus' typical mode of teaching
  - the dominant oral form of storing and conveying knowledge



# Writing and Books

- γράφω, "I write"
  - Remember that  $\phi + \sigma = \psi$  (e.g., 1<sup>st</sup> aor. ἐγραψα)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> aorist passive: ἐγραφήν
- ἡ γράφη, "writing, book"
- το γράμμα, "letter (of the alphabet)"
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> decl., gen. γραμματος (stem γραμματ-)
  - pl. γραμματα can mean a "letter" someone sends

