

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

JOHN - Part One

Lesson 11

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Why John First?

- Not a Synoptic
 - Already written
- Allows Luke / Acts Together
- Still Mark 16 to Come

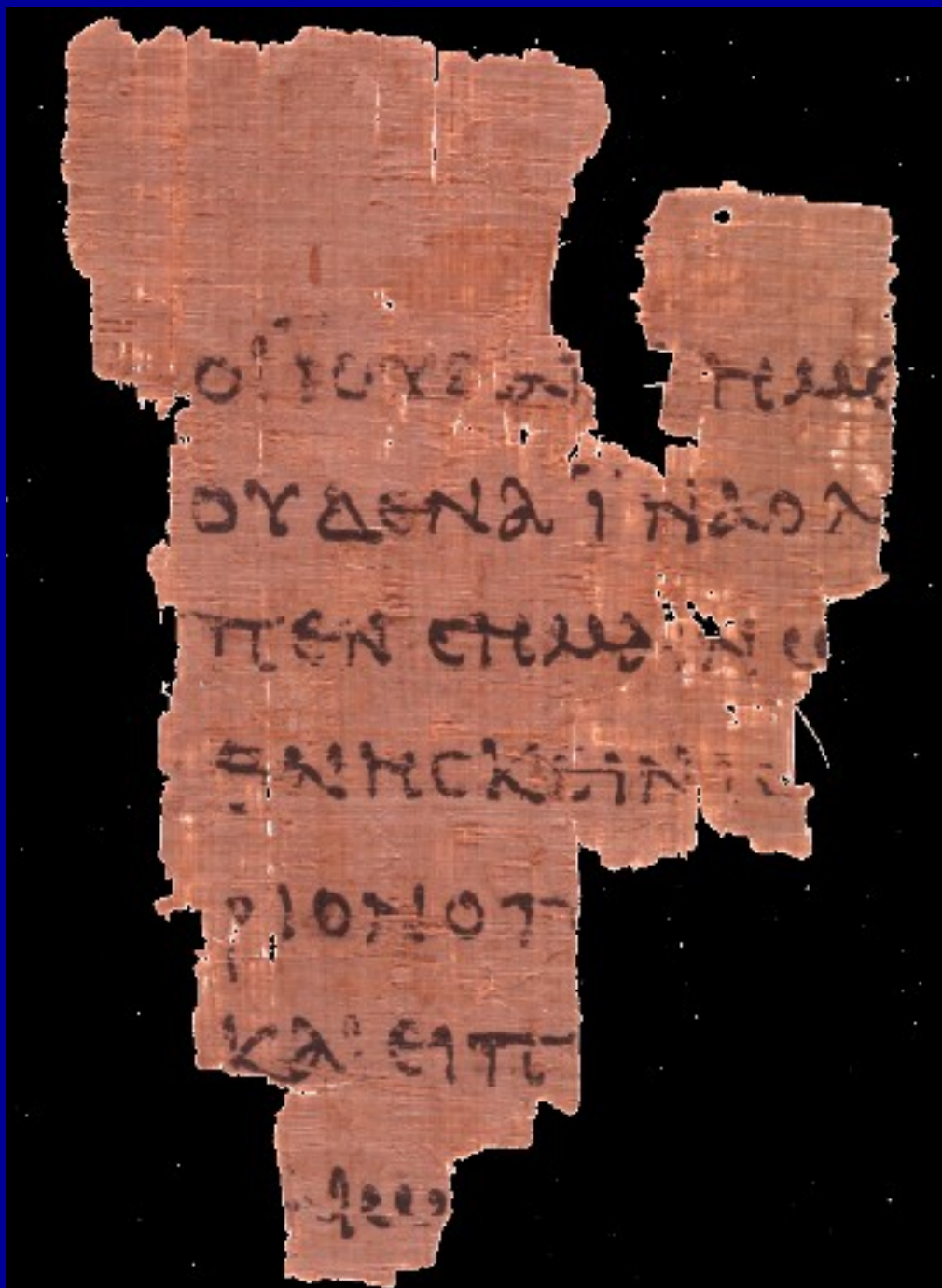
Who Wrote John? When?

- Apostle John
- Post-Destruction of Jerusalem
 - 85 / 90 a.d.
- From Ephesus



John Rylands Fragment

John 18:31-33

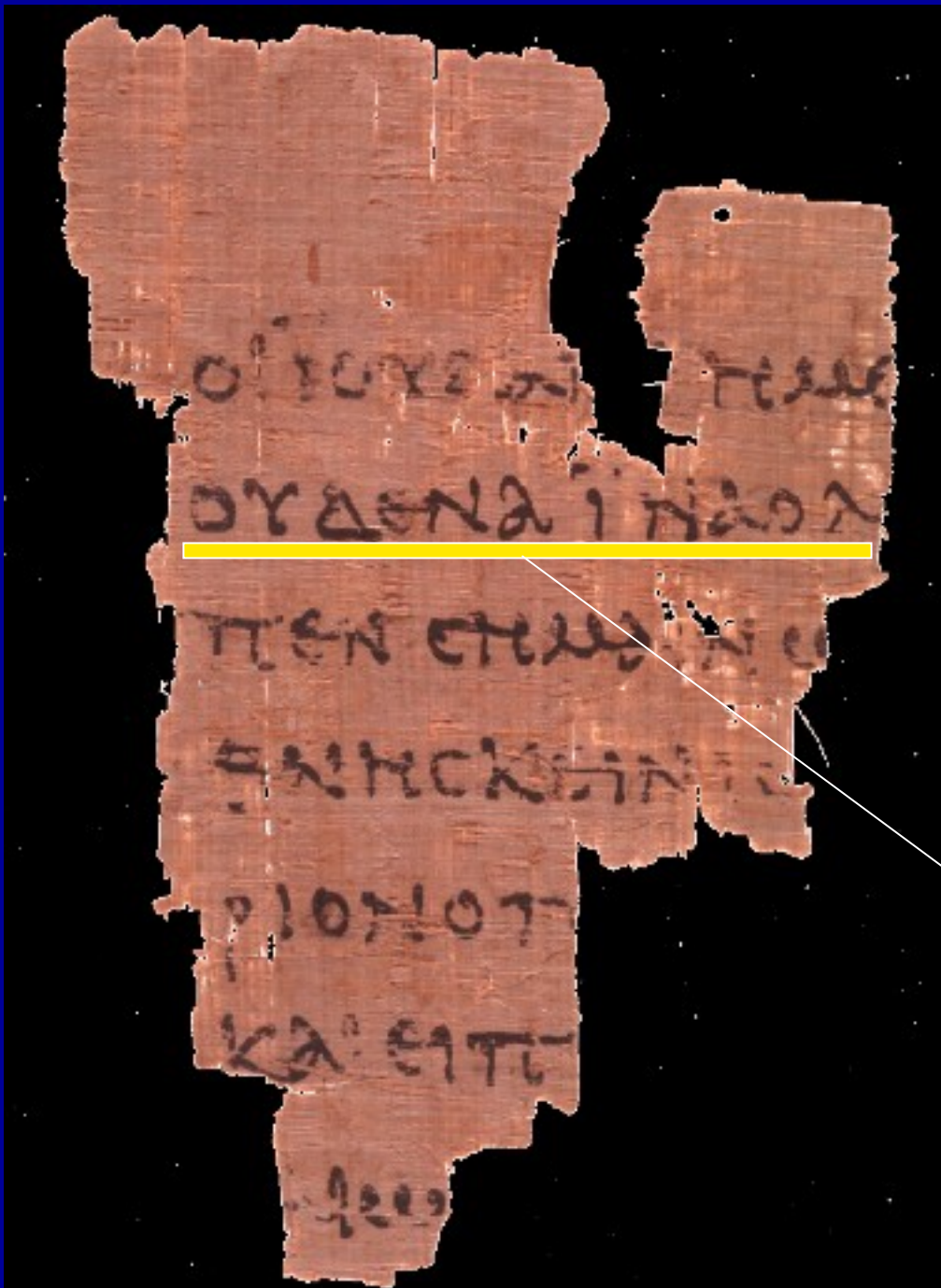


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John 18:31-33

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words ...





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Sofia

ALB
Tirane

YUGO
Belgrade

COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

Bodies of Water: Black Sea, Tyrrhenian Sea, Adriatic Sea, Ionian Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea.

Islands and Regions: Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily, Crete, Aegean Islands, Balkans.

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Present tense

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continue to

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To confirm people in their faith that
Jesus was Messiah, our salvation

Who Were the Recipients?

- Ephesus and Beyond
- Greeks and Hebrews

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- Words:

Witness

True

The Father

Belief (98x)

Love

Darkness

The Son

Abide

Word

Life

The Counselor

Light

Glorify

Real

Greek John 1:1, 14

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the **Word** [*logos*] was with God and the
Word [*logos*] was God.

Logos - “Word”

- Heraclitus - 500 B.C.

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“Heraclitus, you know, says that everything moves on and nothing is at rest; and, comparing existing things to the flow of a river, he says you could not step into the same river twice.”

Plato, *Crytylus* 402A

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- There is an Unchanging Constant:
The “*Logos*”
- *Logos* - “Reason” “Law” “Ratio”

Greek John 1:1, 14

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And the **Word** [*logos - Unchanging Constant*] became flesh and dwelt among us.

Hebrew -- John 1:1, 14

In the Beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God.

In the Beginning, God created the heavens
and the earth... And God said, “Let there
be...” And God said ... And God said...

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Hebrew -- John 1:1, 14

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paraskeneo

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Paraskeneo - To pitch one's tent beside, to tabernacle

Points for Home

- John - What a gospel!
- There is a Constant in our World of Change
- He Has a Name - Jesus
- He Sought You Out and Came to You
- He Came as Man, Though he is Divine
- He Came for a Reason
- You can Behold His Glory