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## **Key Word**

## Missionaries

## Theme

## **Support Missionaries**

## **Key Verse**

"We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men [missionaries] so that we may work together for the truth" (verse 8).

#### **Summary Statement**

John encourages Gaius to continue supporting missionaries such as Demetrius despite opposition from Diotrephes to help the church to see its responsibility to finance God's work.

### **Kingdom Statement**

As members of Christ's kingdom, we "should support [missionaries] so that we can be their partners as they teach the truth" (v. 8 NLT).

#### Covenant

The house church existed as the primary institution that spread God's new covenant truth (vv. 3-4).

#### Redemption

Believers should replace opposition to Jesus like that of Diotrephes (vv. 9-11a) with the hospitable, good deeds like Demetrius (vv. 11b-12).

# Prophecy (Lord, Deity)

Traveling teachers "are traveling for the Lord" (v. 7 NLT) since they have a message no unbeliever considers worthy of support.



#### 3 John – Summary Chart

#### **Supporting Missionaries**

1-8

9-11

12-15

Gaius

**Diotrephes** 

**Demetrius** 

Commended

Condemned

Recommended

## **Supported Missionaries**

**Opposed Missionaries** 

Is a Missionary

Greetings & Prayer 1-2

Joy over Godliness 3-4 Support Confirmed 5-8 for Rejecting John 9 for Opposing Missionaries 10

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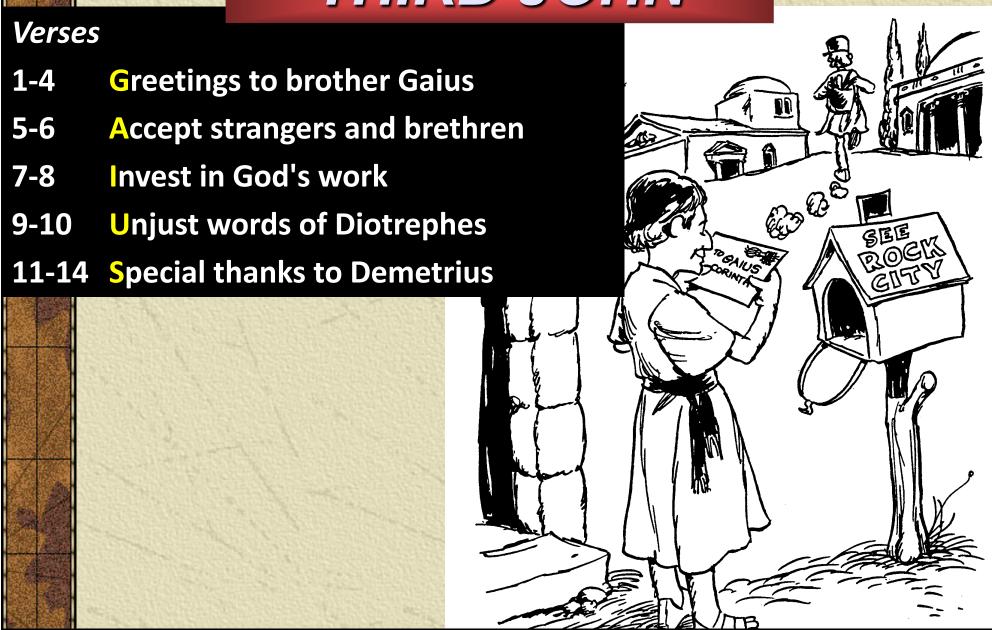
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c. AD 90

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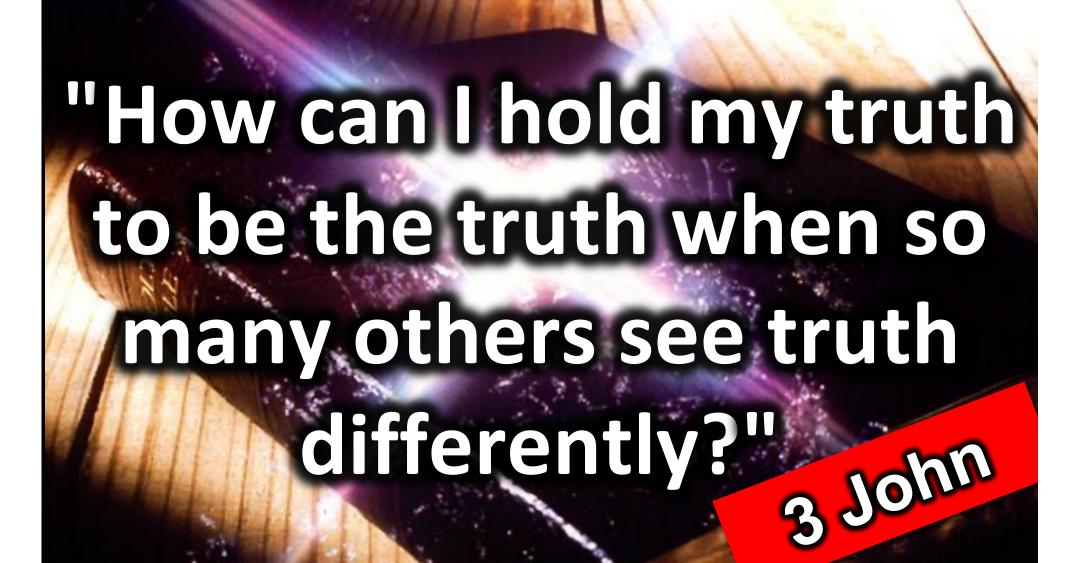


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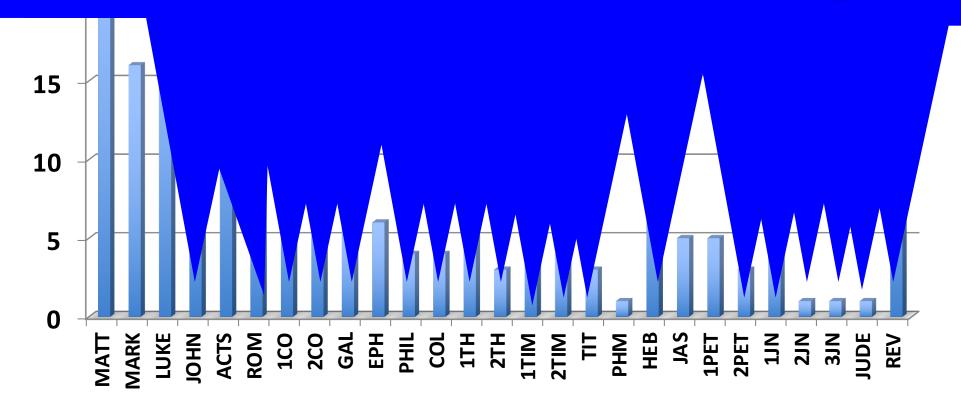
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A lie is still a lie even if everyone believes it.

## **27 NT Letters**



## 19 respond to a heresy!



# 10) lineec to obey God's truth?

#### How can we obey God's truth?

Ш Become a missionary like **Demetrius** (12)



II. Don't hinder missions like Diotrephes (9-11)

3 John

I. Help others get the truth out like Gaius (5-8)



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#### What About You?



How are you advancing the gospel by supporting missionaries through hospitality and finances?







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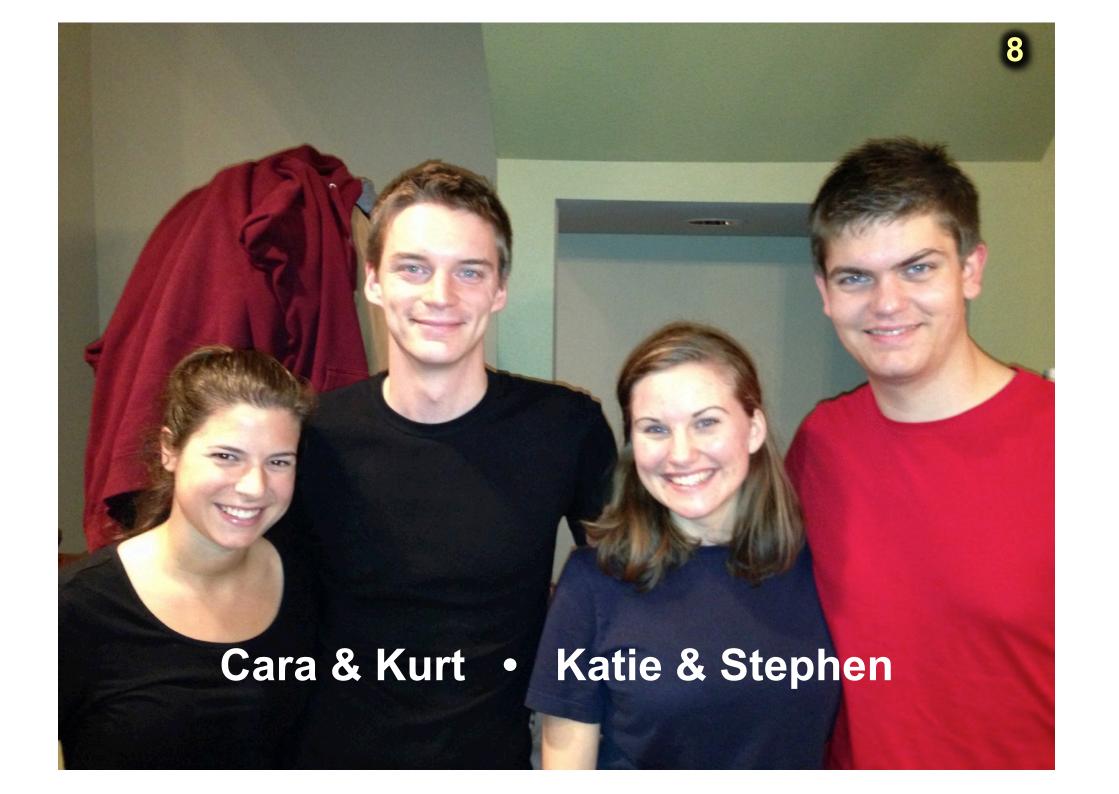


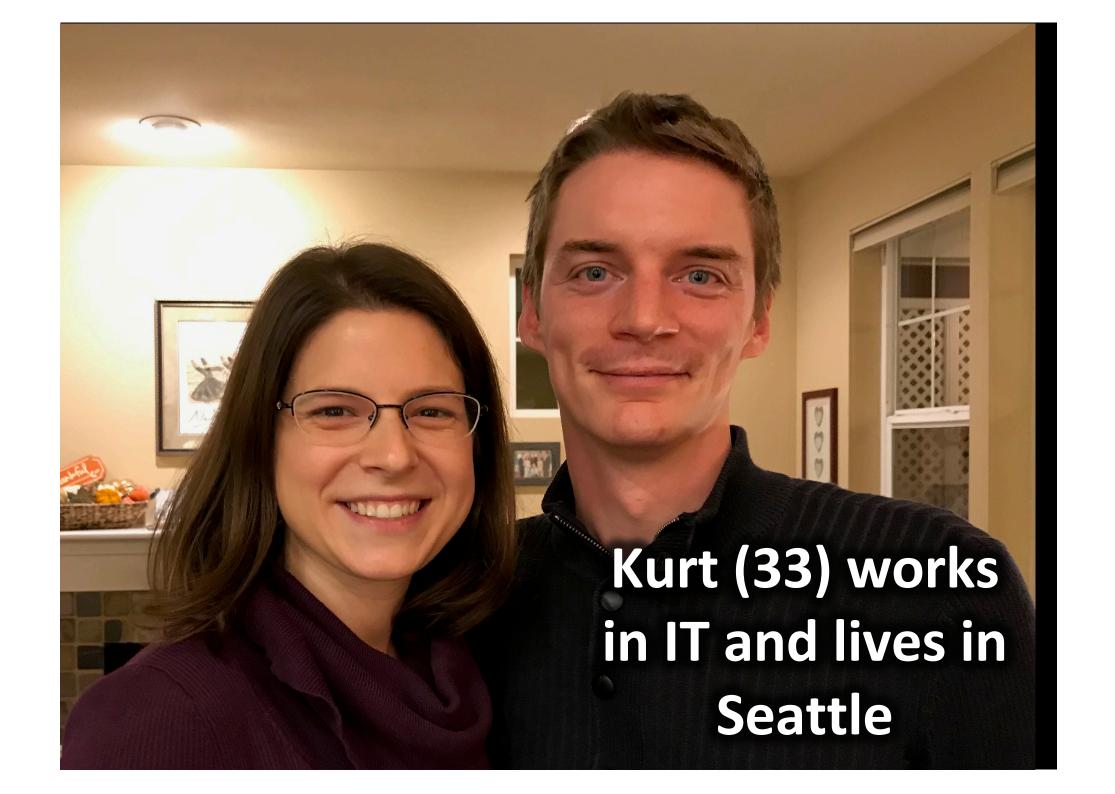
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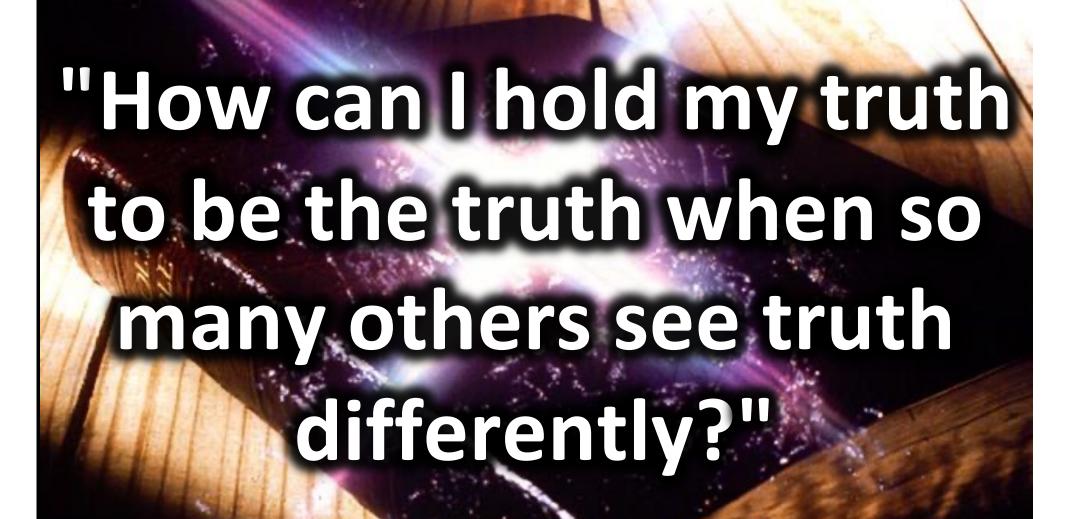


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## Ability or Integrity?





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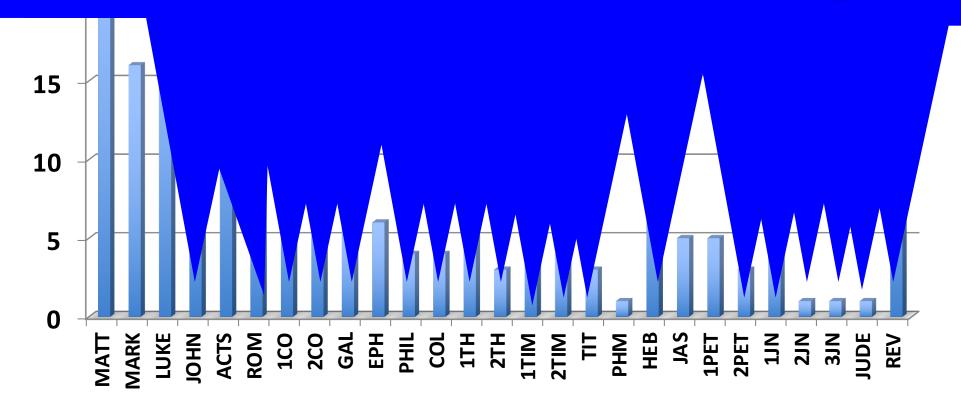
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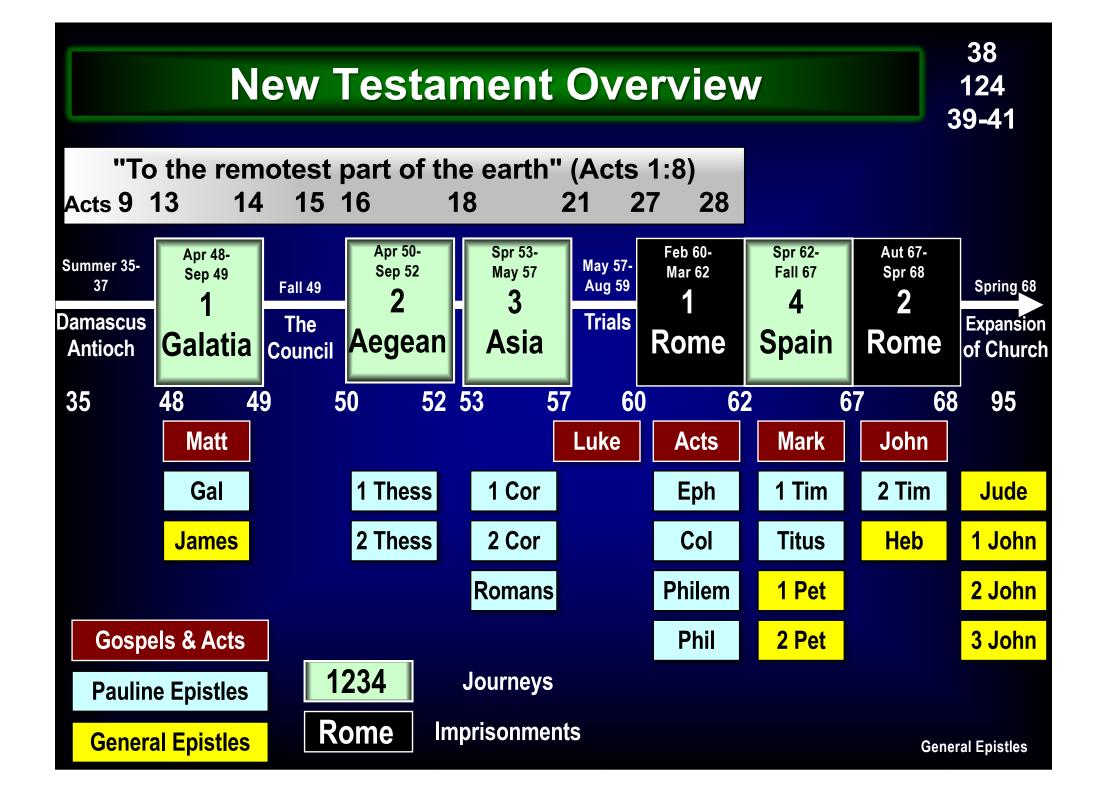
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Before the NT writings were completed & circulated among the early believers, the churches relied upon traveling missionaries for truth.

Since inns were unsafe and few, these missionaries stayed with Christians.

A man named Gaius was faithfully extending hospitality to such men (vv. 5-8), despite opposition from a man in the church named Diotrephes (vv. 9-10).

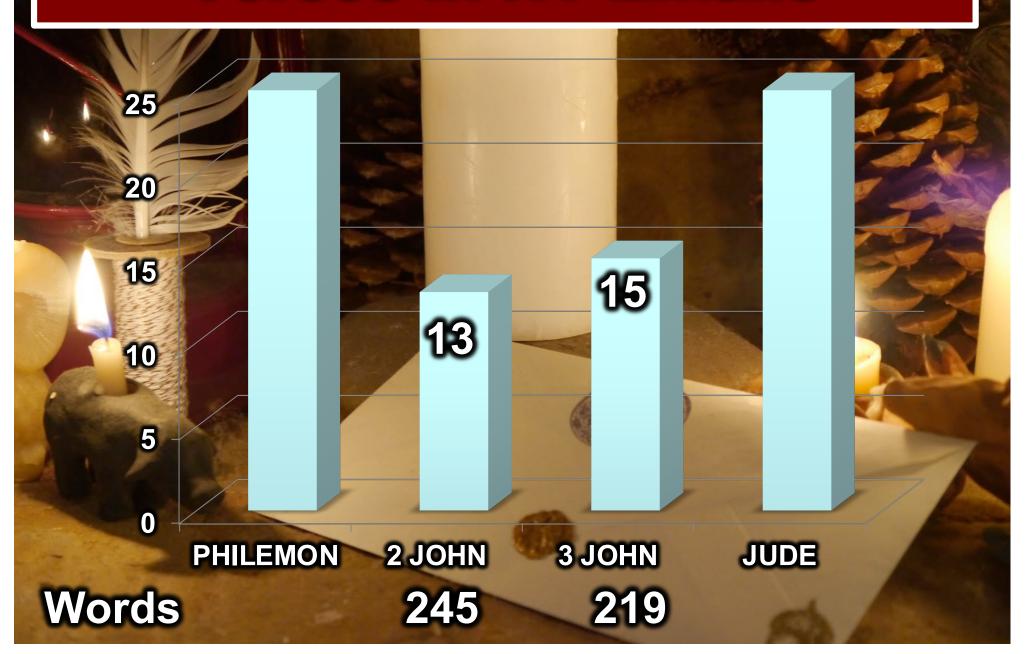


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# **Chapters in NT Books**



# Verses in NT Emails



### 2 John versus 3 John

Contrasts

In 2 John the
Apostle John warns
against supporting
false teachers

In 3 John he gives the "flip-side": believers should support *true* missionary teachers.

# 2 John versus 3 John

# Contrasts

	2 John	3 John
Recipient	a Woman	a Man
Names	Anonymous	Gaius, Diotrephes, Demetrius
Mood	Condemns	Commends
Missionaries	False	True
Hospitality/Support	Misplaced	Missing (Diotrephes) Maintained (Gaius)
Verses	13	15
Words (Greek text)	245	219

# Salutation (1-4 NLT)

This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to Gaius, my dear friend, whom I love in the truth. <sup>2</sup>Dear friend, I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit.

<sup>3</sup>Some of the traveling teachers recently returned and made me very happy by telling me about your faithfulness and that you are living according to the truth. <sup>4</sup>I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth.



### This warm, personable letter revolves around 3 men:

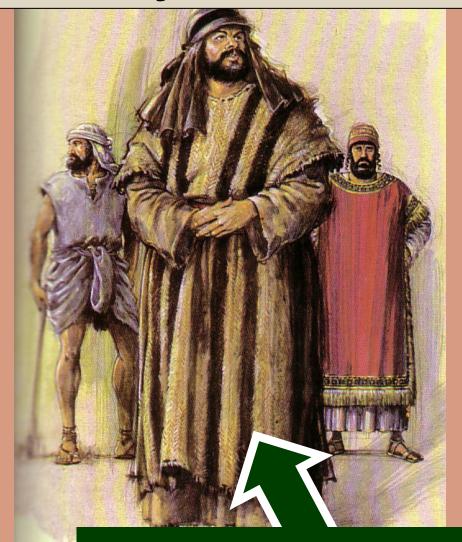
**Demetrius** is a missionary whom the church should support



Diotrephes is a carnal believer opposing hospitality towards the missionaries practiced by Gaius and other believers (9-11)

Gaius is a godly man who wholeheartedly supports the missionaries (1-8)

# How can we obey God's truth?



I. Help others get the truth out like Gaius (5-8)

Gaius

"Dear friend, you are being faithful to God when you care for the traveling teachers who pass through, even though they are strangers to you. <sup>6</sup>They have told the church here of your loving friendship."



"Please continue providing for such teachers in a manner that pleases God. <sup>7</sup>For they are traveling for the Lord, and they accept nothing from people who are not believers."

# Keys to the Postcard



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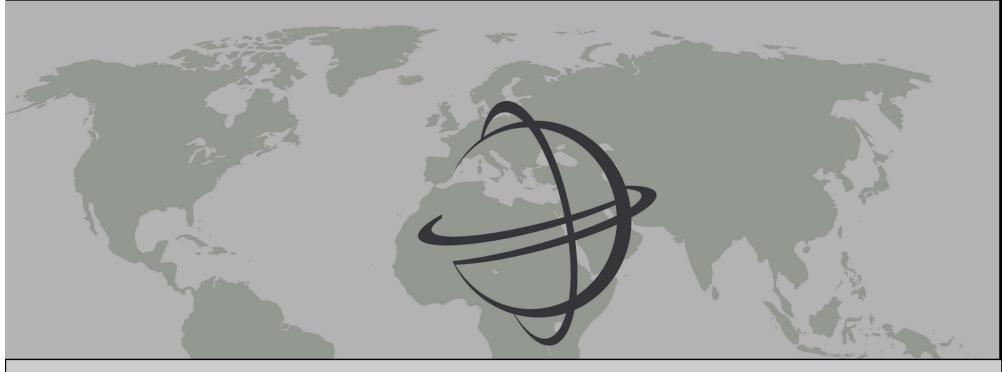
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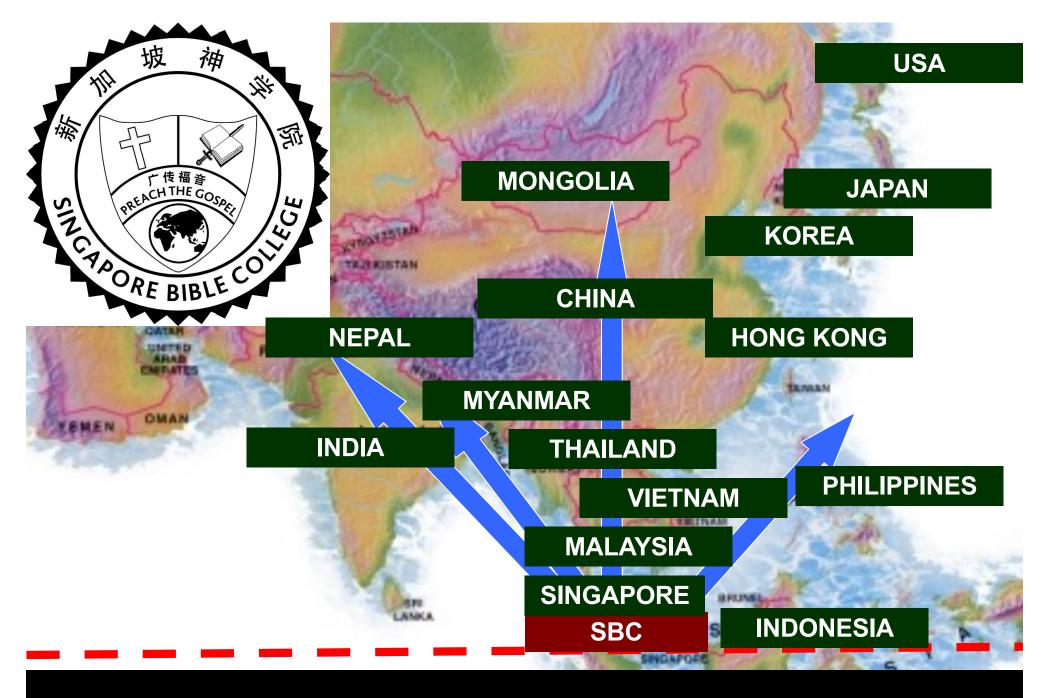
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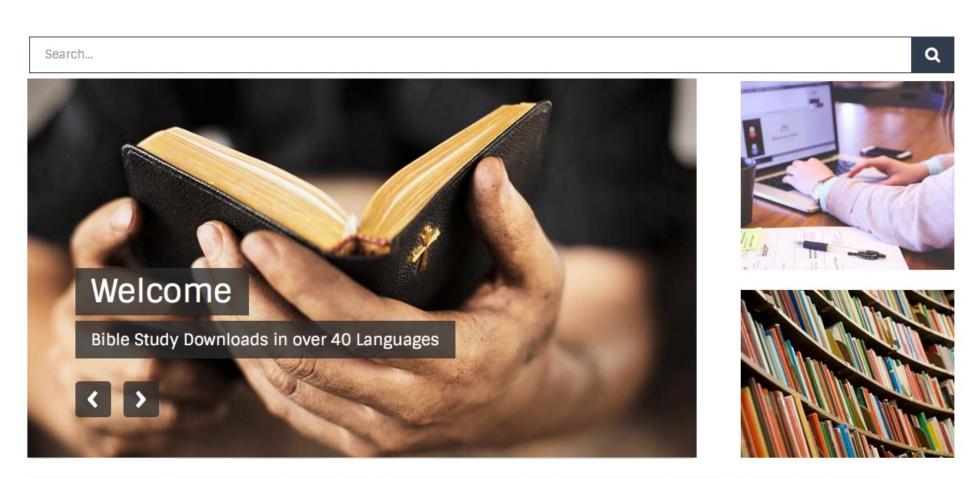
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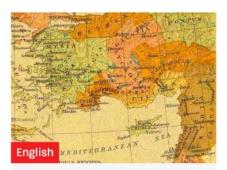
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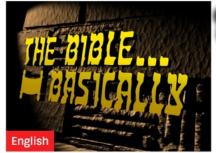
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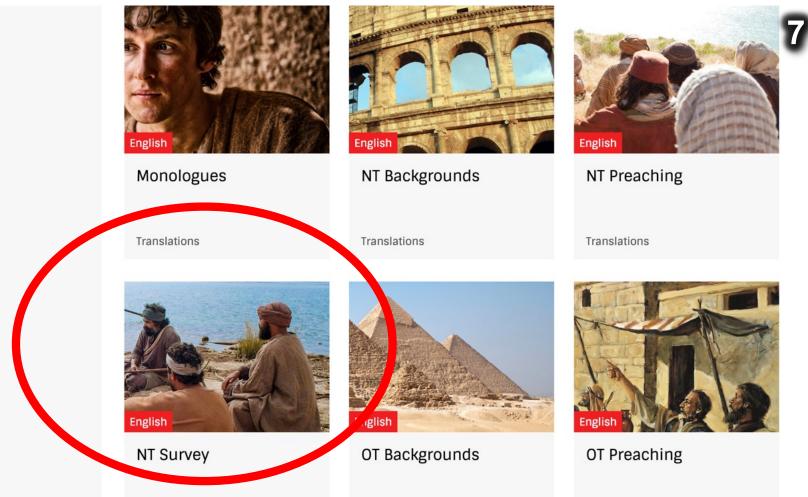


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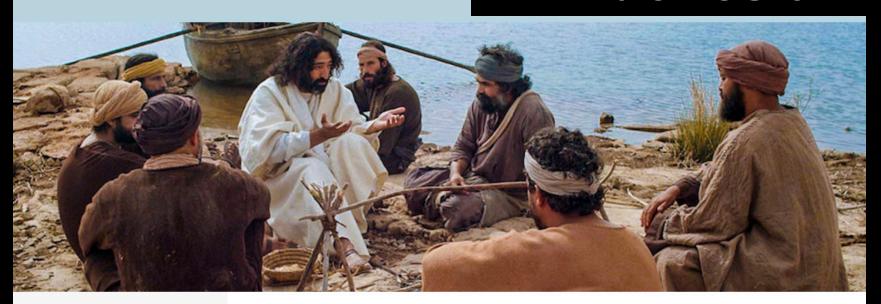
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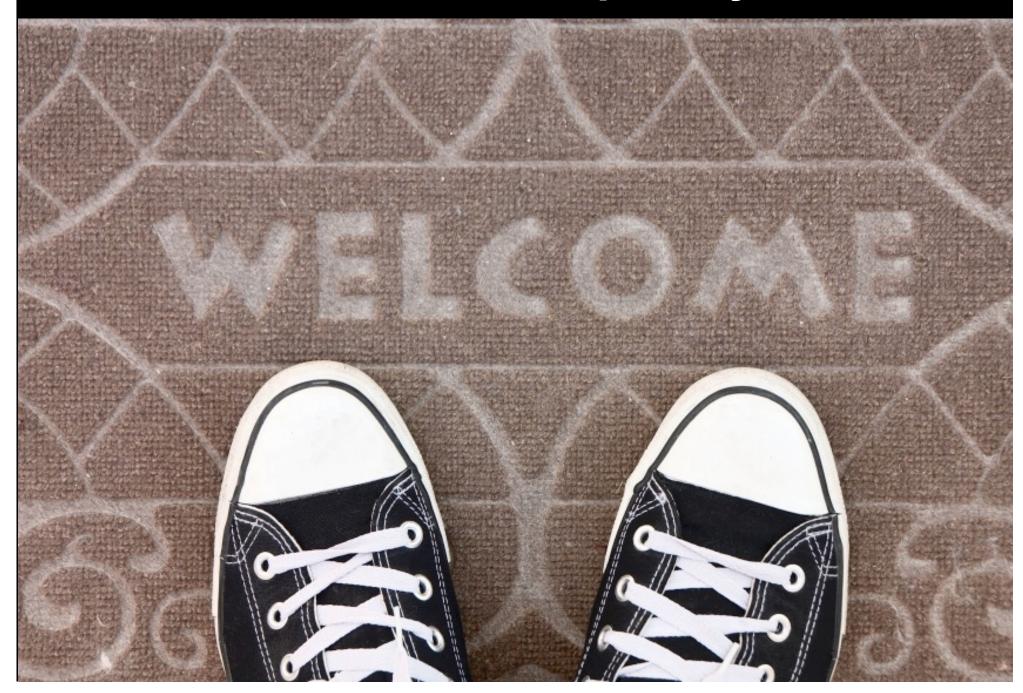
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### **Supporting Missionaries**

1-8

9-11

12-15

Gaius

**Diotrephes** 

**Demetrius** 

Commended

Condemned

Recommended

**Supported Missionaries** 

**Opposed Missionaries** 

Is a Missionary

Greetings & Prayer 1-2

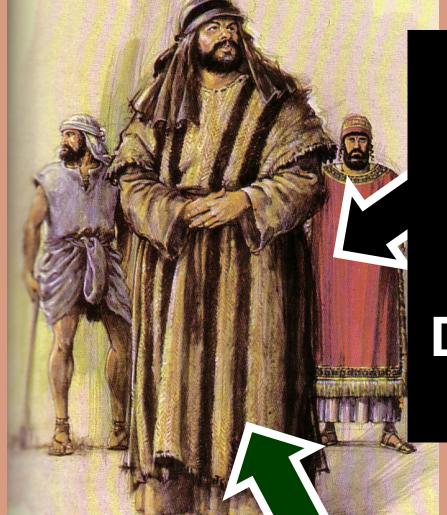
Joy over Godliness 3-4 Support Confirmed 5-8 for Rejecting John 9 for Opposing Missionaries 10 for Doing Evil 11

Good Reputation 12 Visit Anticipated 13-14a Affectionate Greetings 14b-15

**Asia Minor** 

c. AD 90

### How can we obey God's truth?



II. Don't hinder missions like **Diotrephes** (9-11)

I. Help others get the truth out like Gaius (5-8)

"I wrote to the church about this, but Diotrephes, who loves to be the leader, refuses to have anything to do with us. <sup>10</sup>When I come, I will report some of the things he is doing and the evil accusations he is making against us. Not only does he refuse to welcome the traveling teachers, he also tells others not to help them. And when they do help, he puts them out of the church" (vv. 9-10 NLT).

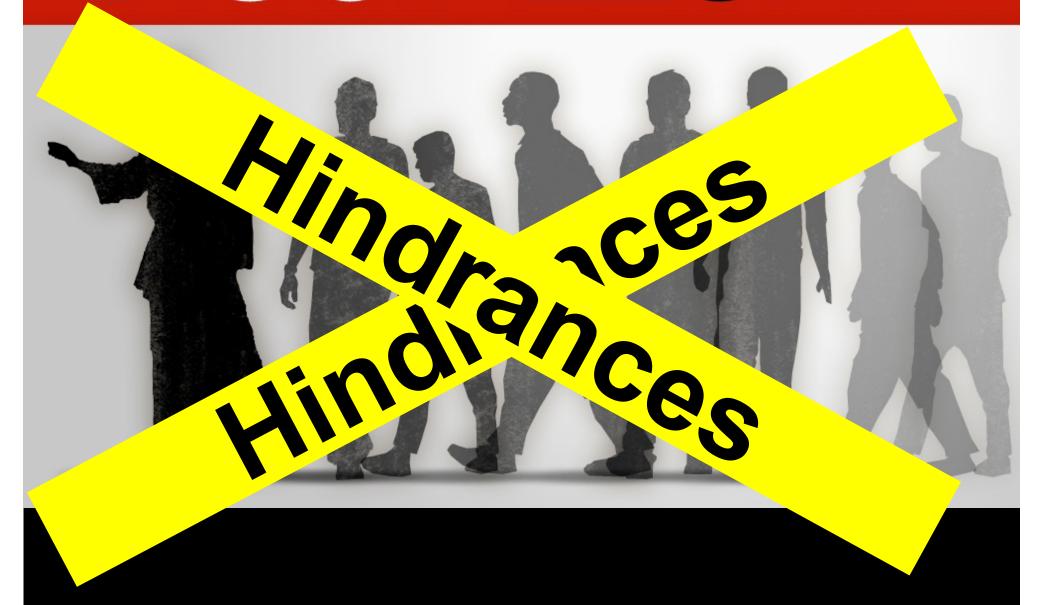
Diotrephes

"nourished by Zeus"

- Gossiped about John
- Refused missionaries
- Threw out supporters



# DISCIPLESHIP





## Should we name false teachers by name?

John did.



"Jesus will come in 1994"

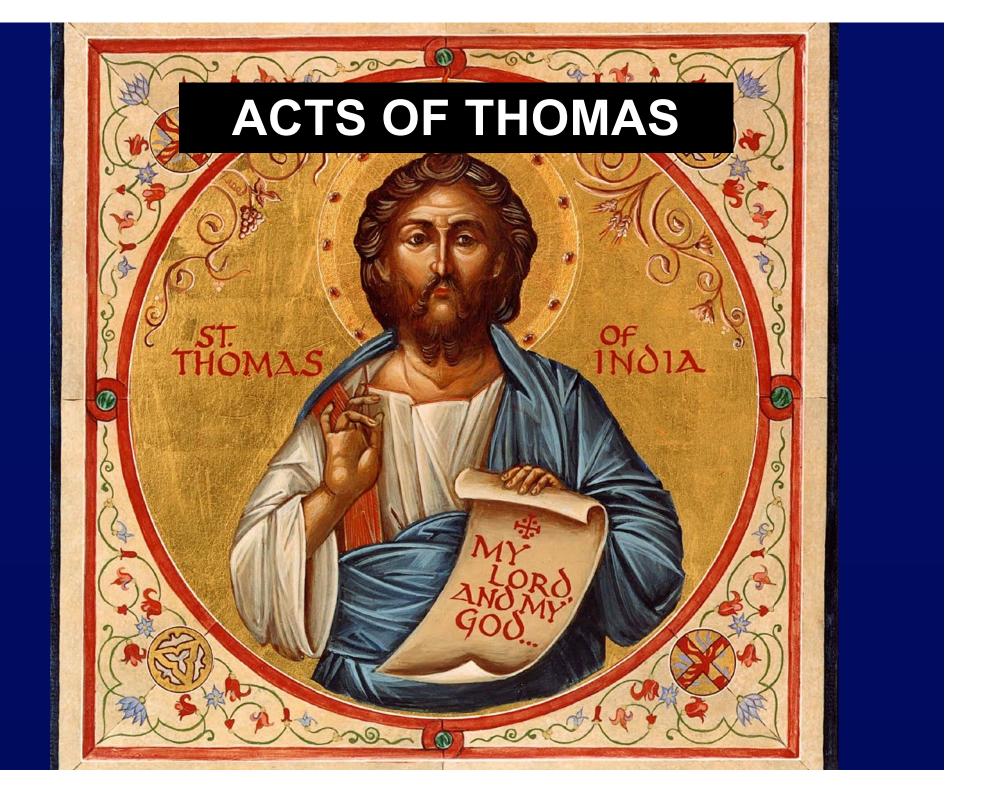
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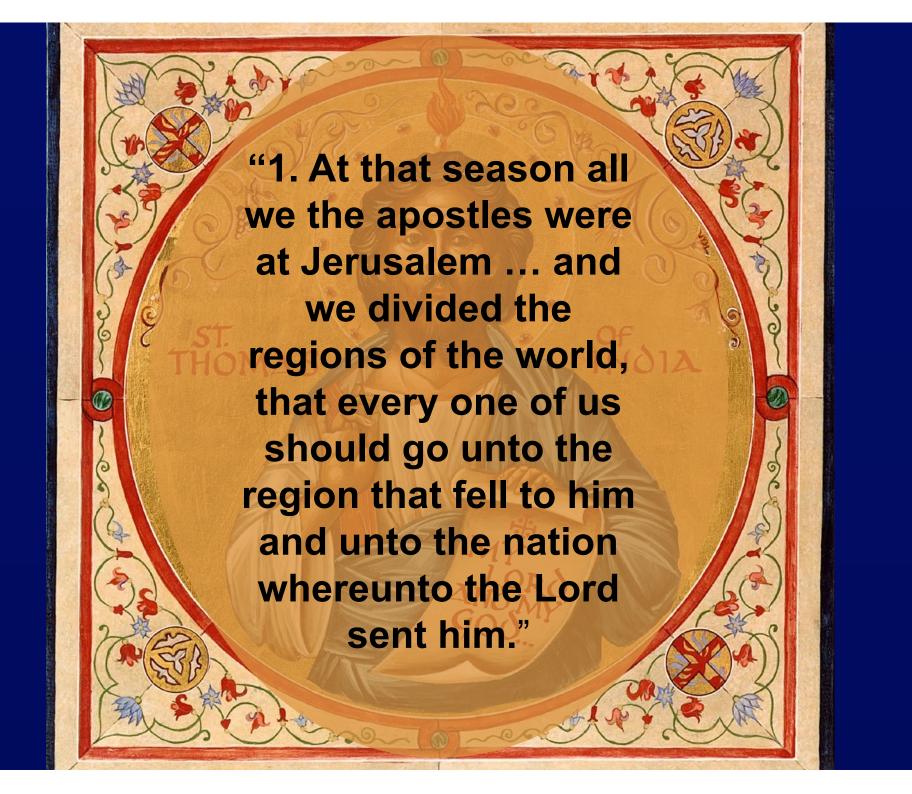
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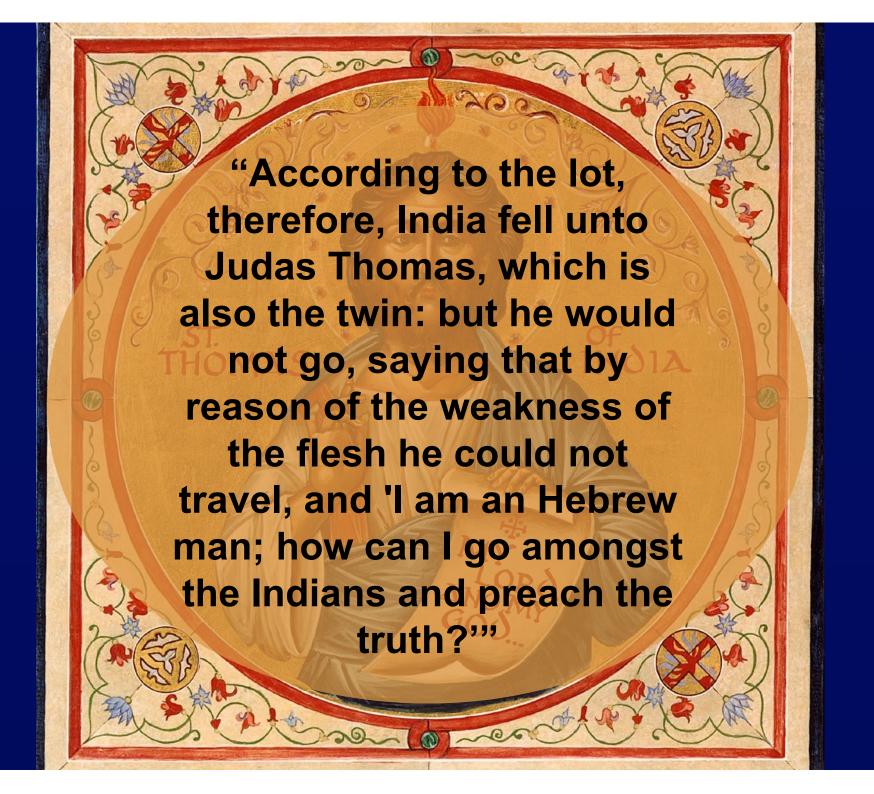
Camping admitted in a private interview that he no longer believed that anybody could know the time of the Rapture or the end of the world, in stark contrast to his previously staunch position on the subject. In March 2012, he stated that his attempt to predict a date was "sinful", and that his critics had been right in emphasizing the words of Matthew 24:36: "of that day and hour knoweth no man." He added that he was now searching the Bible "even more fervently...not to find dates, but to be more faithful in [his] understanding."

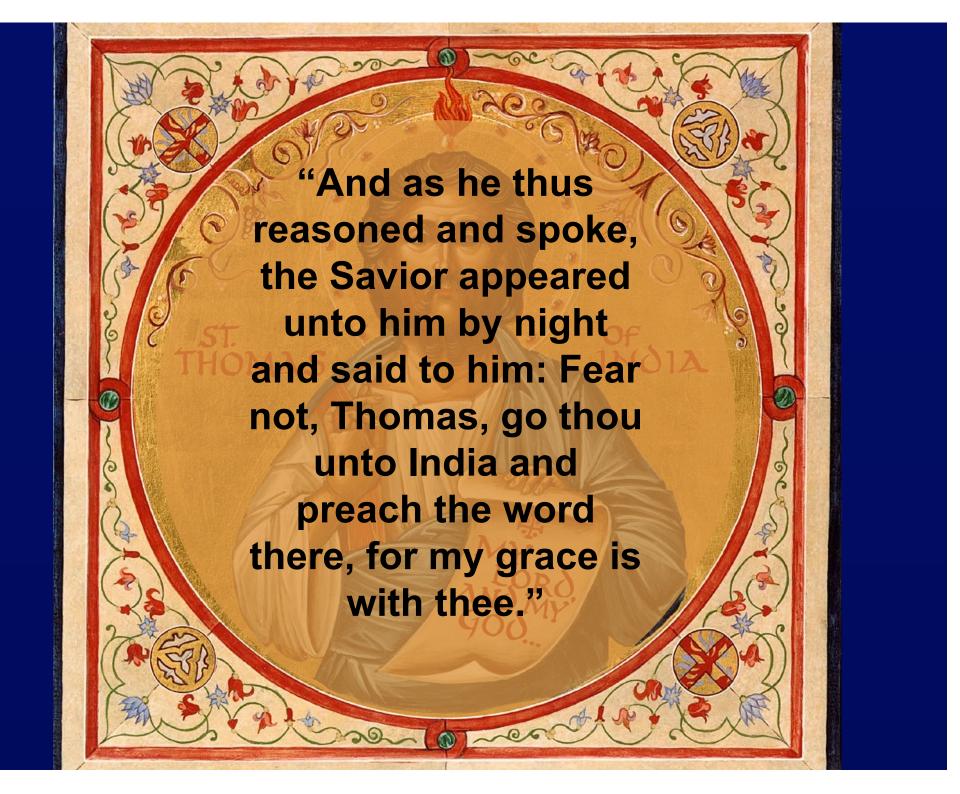
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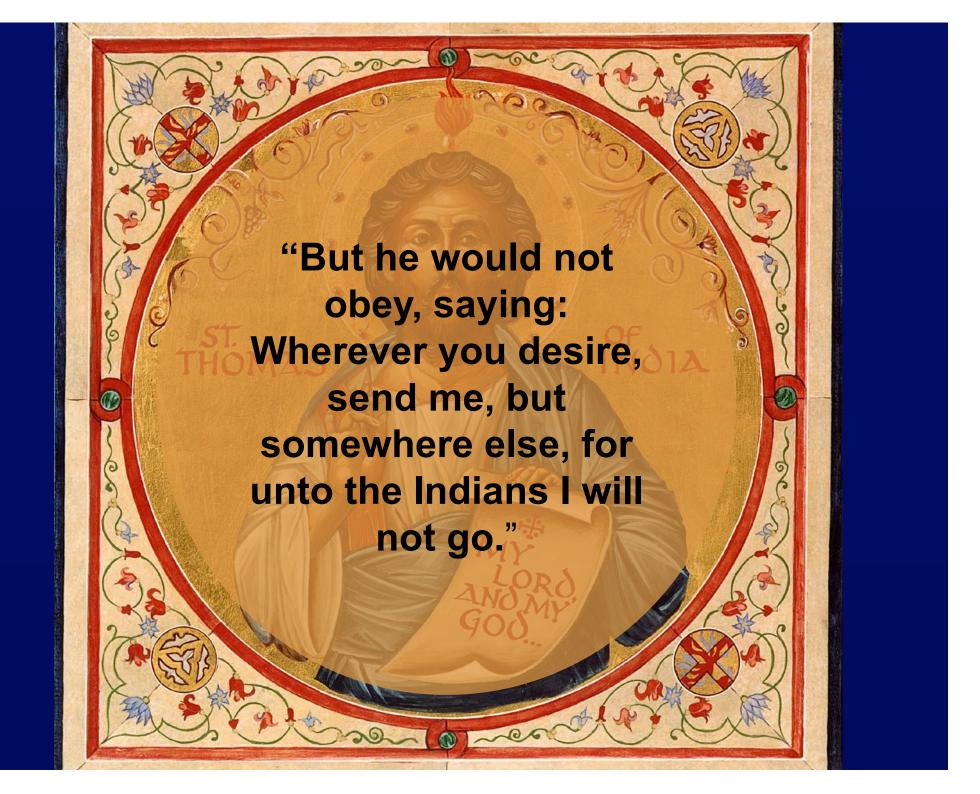


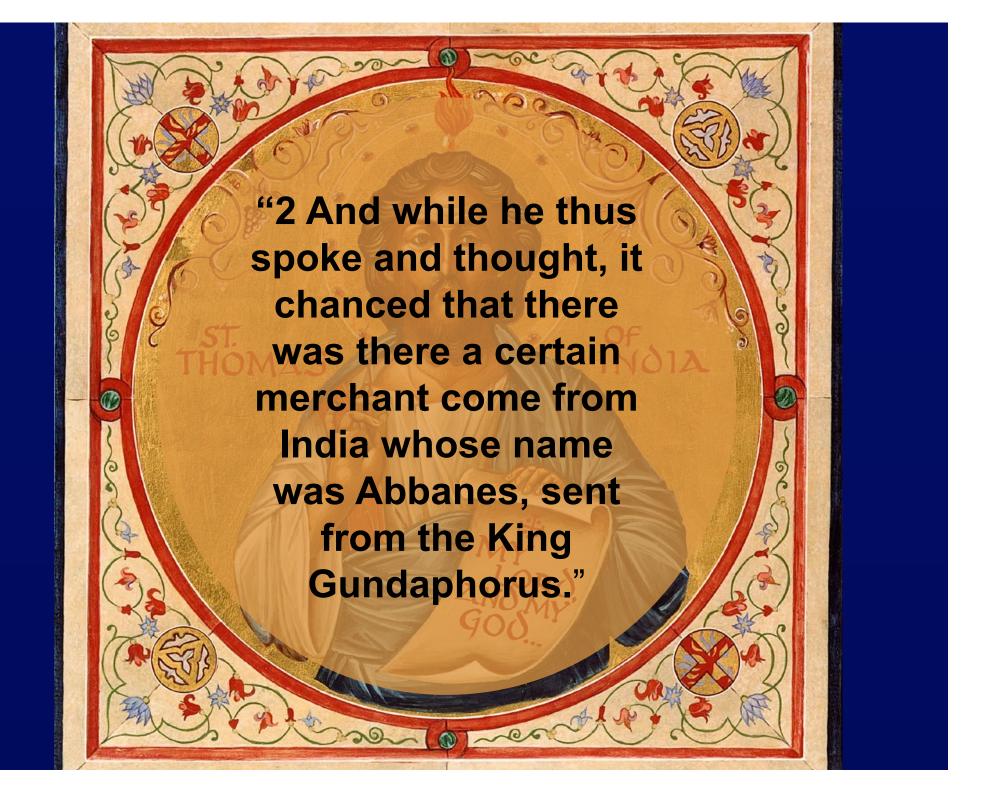




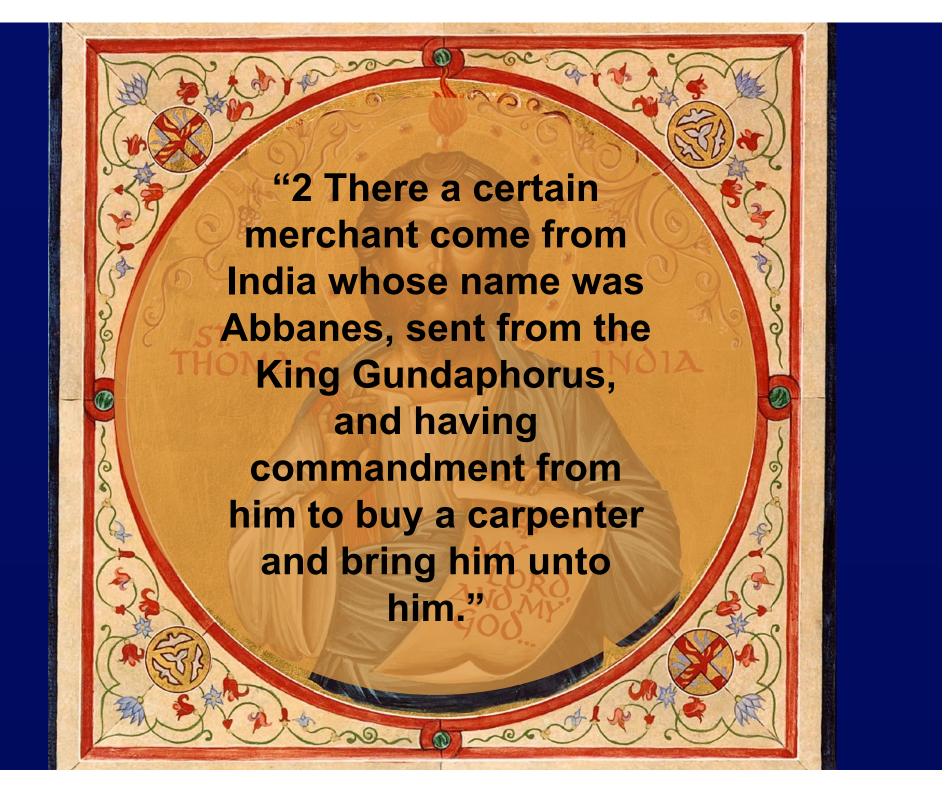


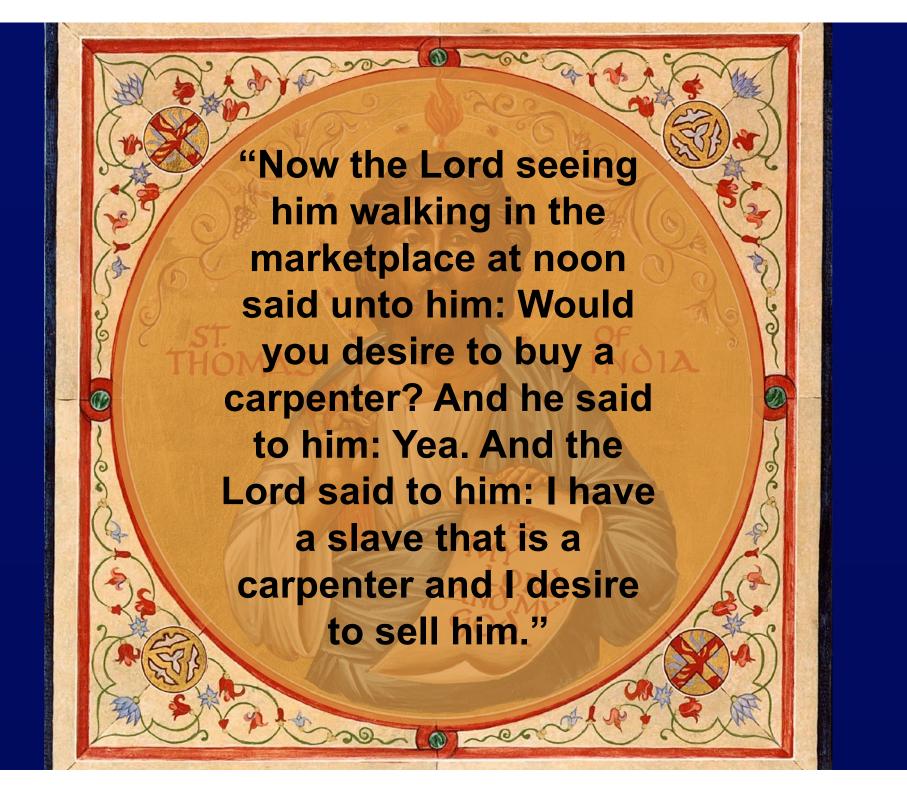


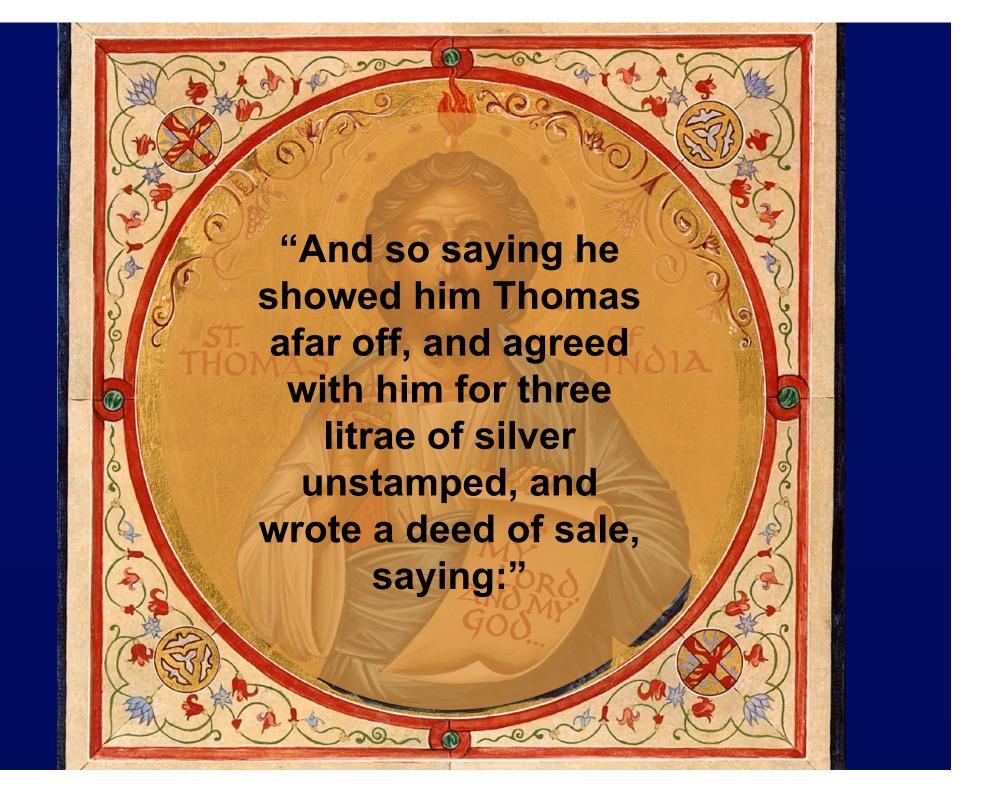


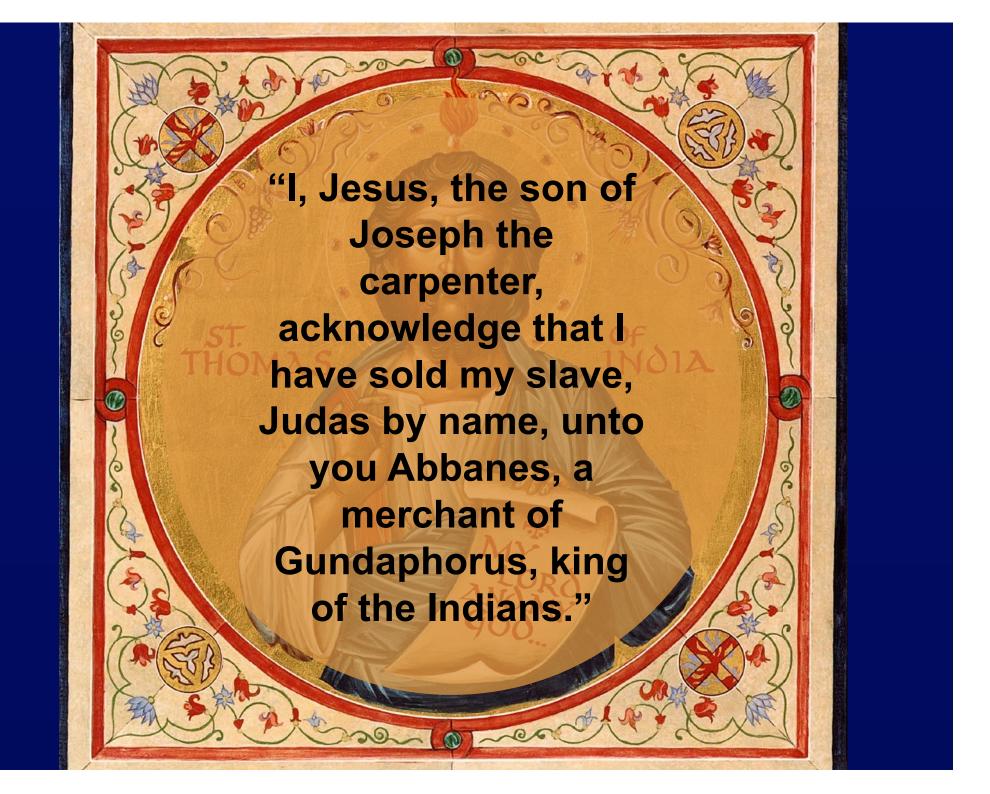


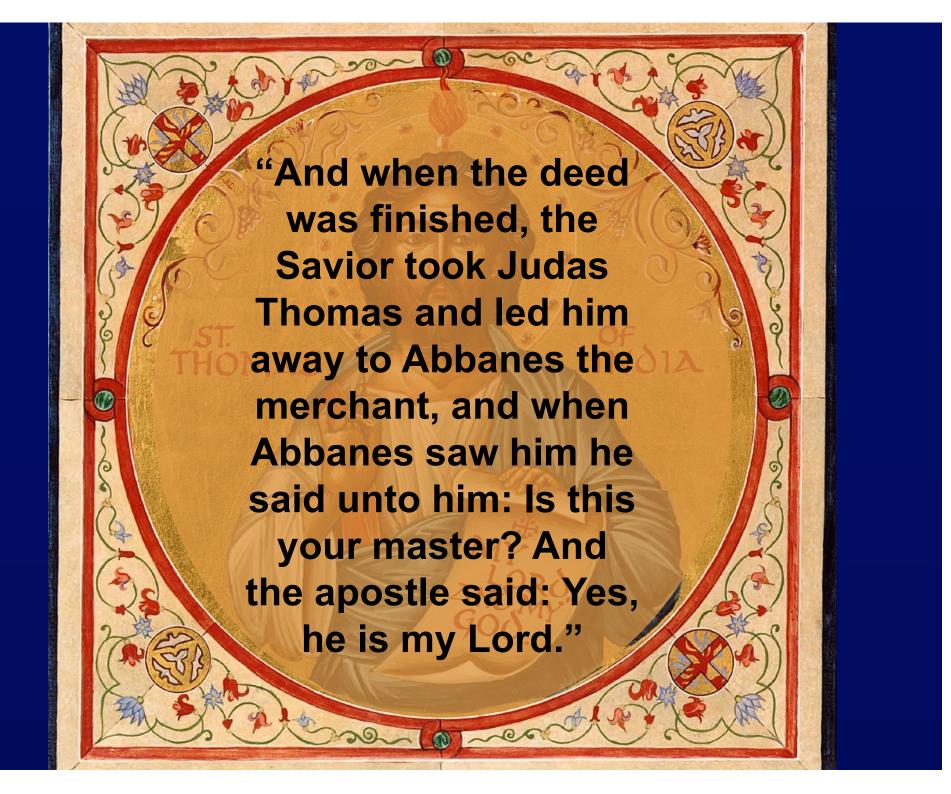


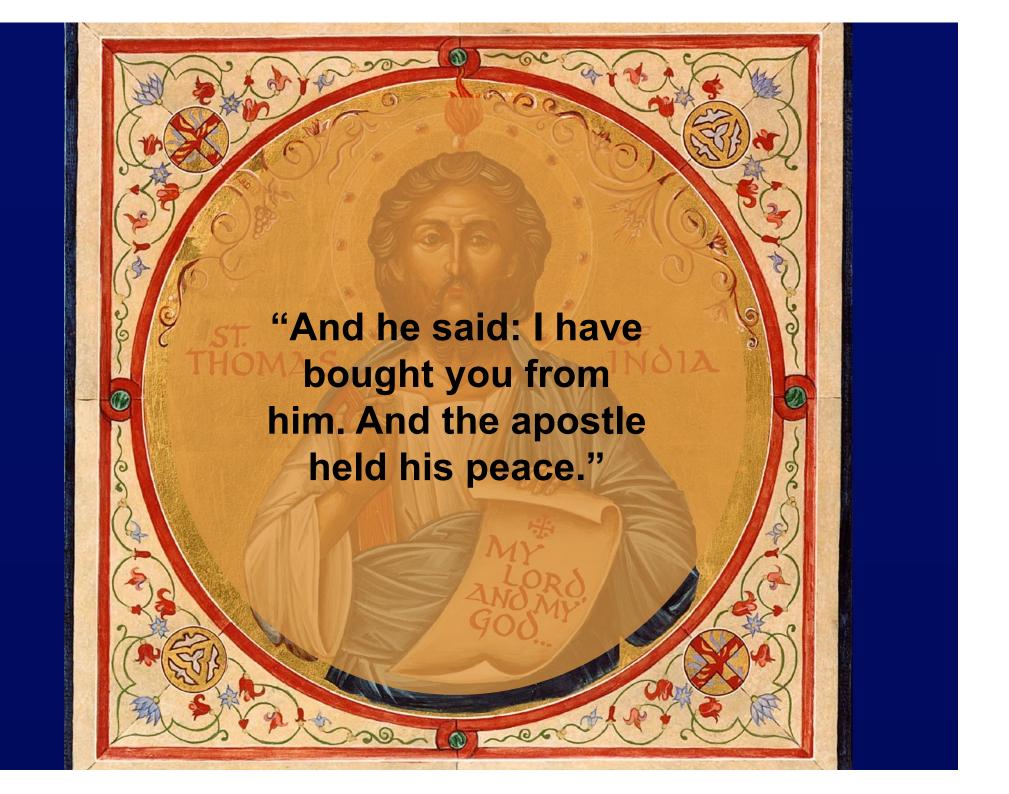


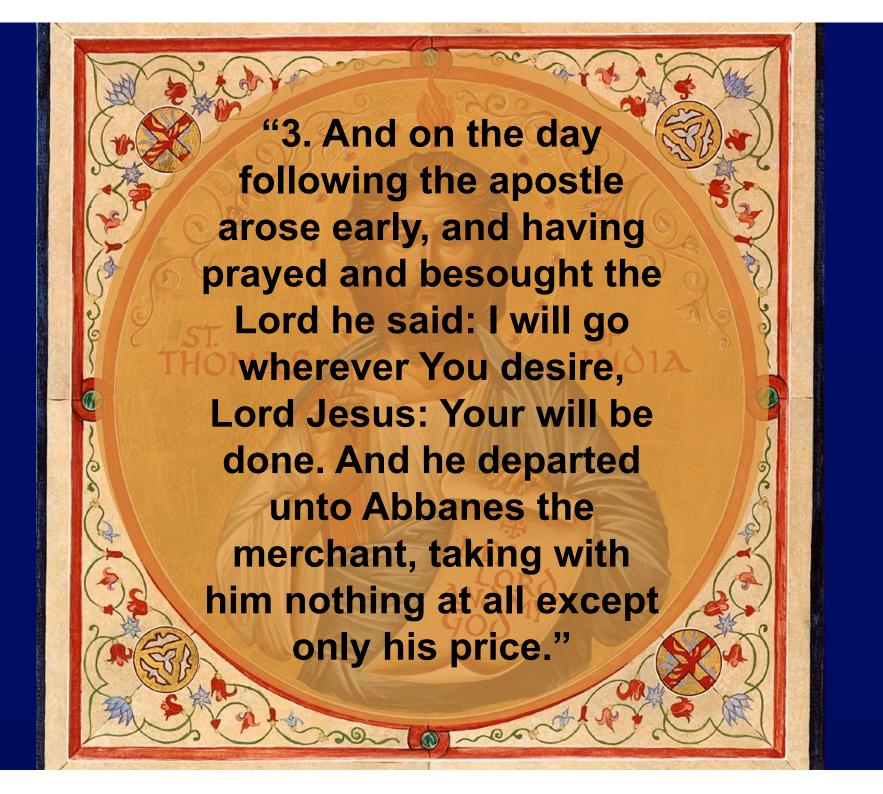


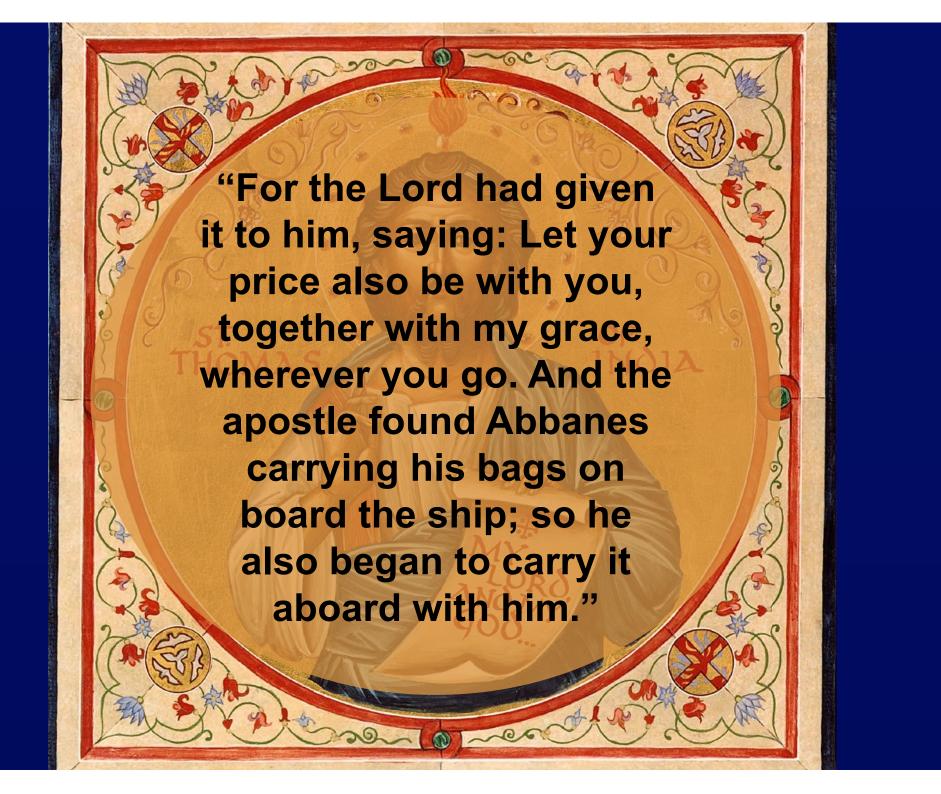


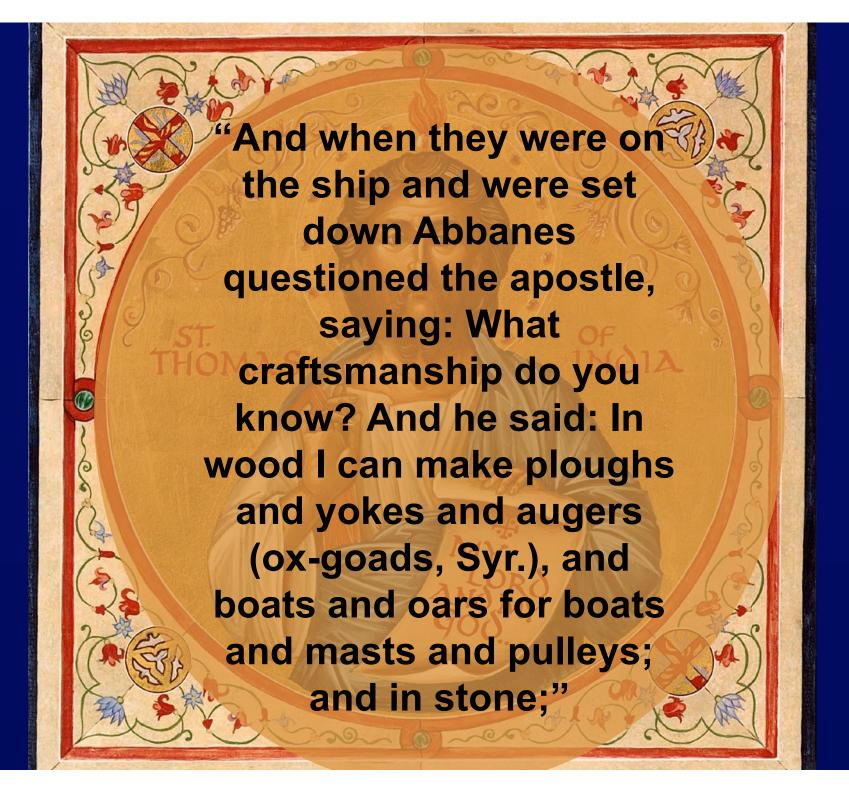


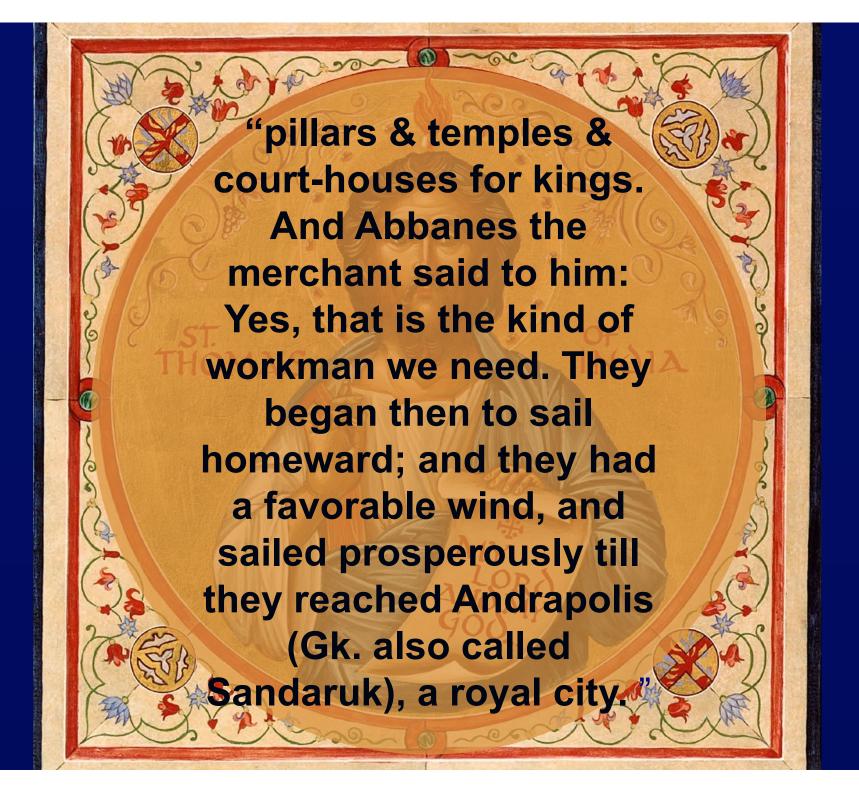


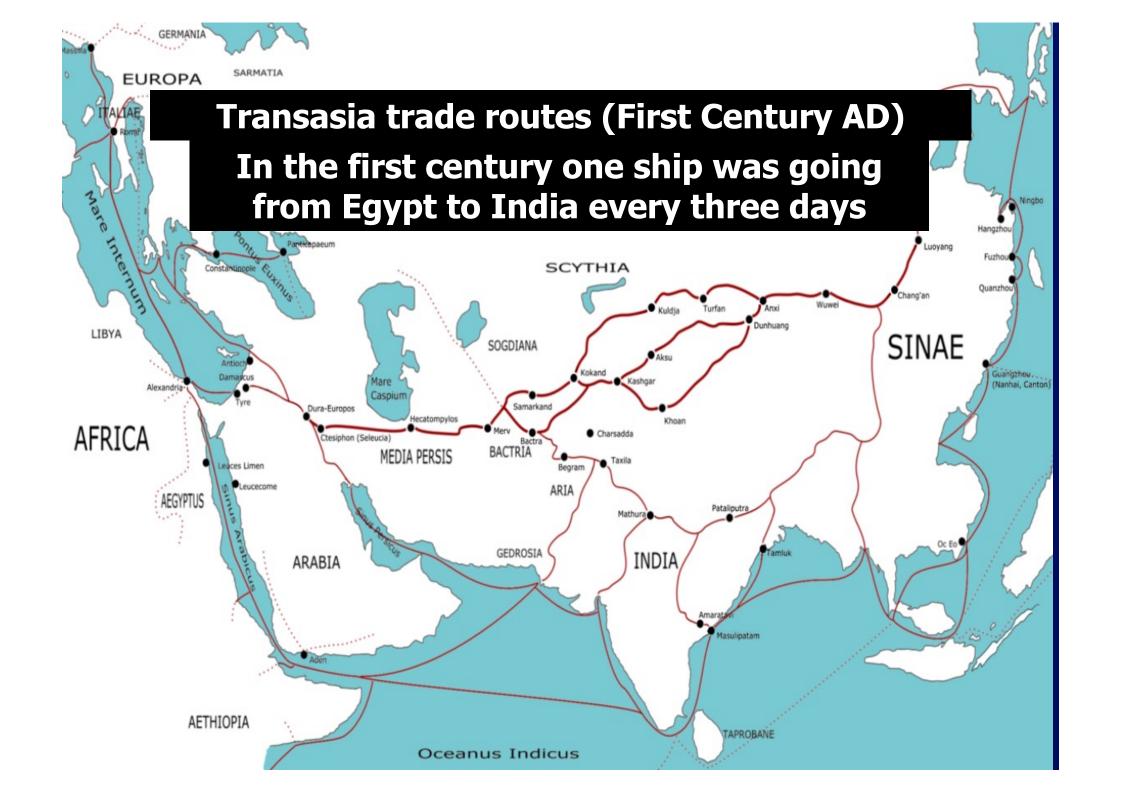




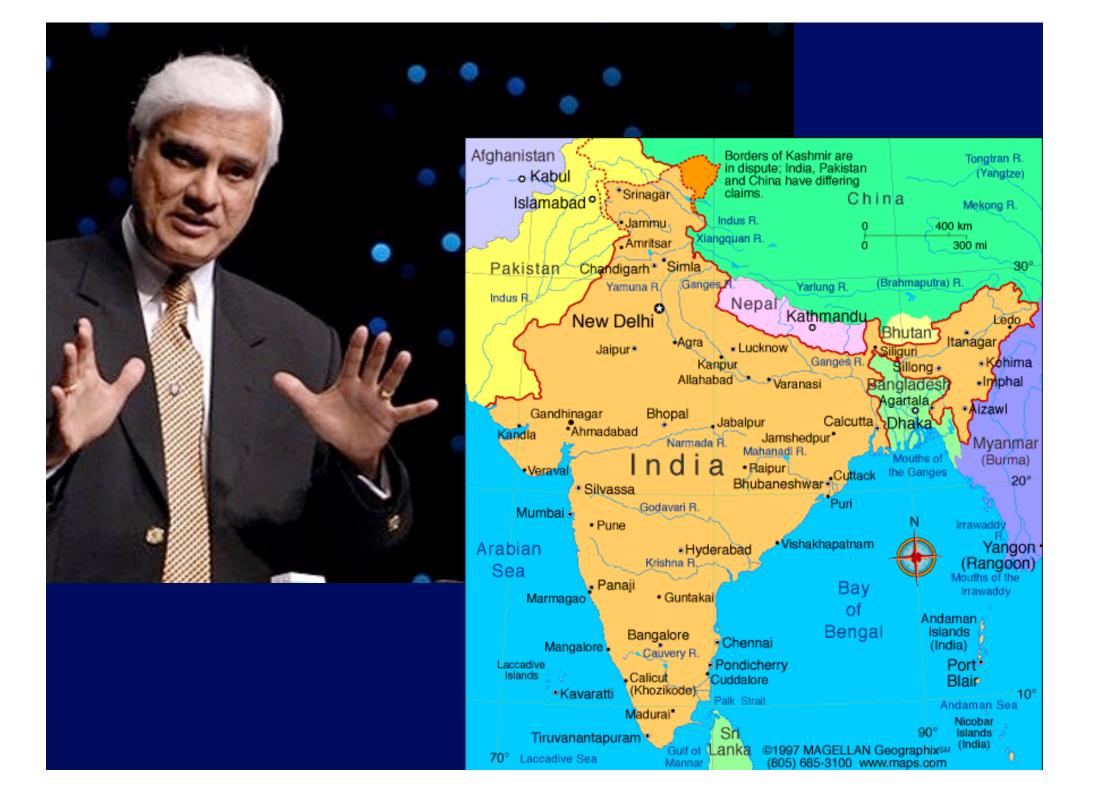
















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## Missions Giving

20%



With many thanks & Prayers

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"Dear friend, don't let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God's children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God" (v. 11 NLT).

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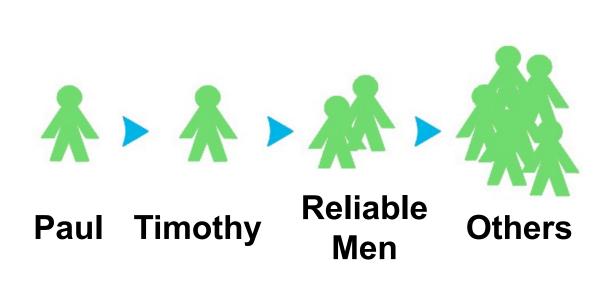
### **Demetrius**

of Demetrius, as does the truth itself. We ourselves can say the same for him, and you know we speak the truth.

#### Multiply Yourself into Trustworthy Men!



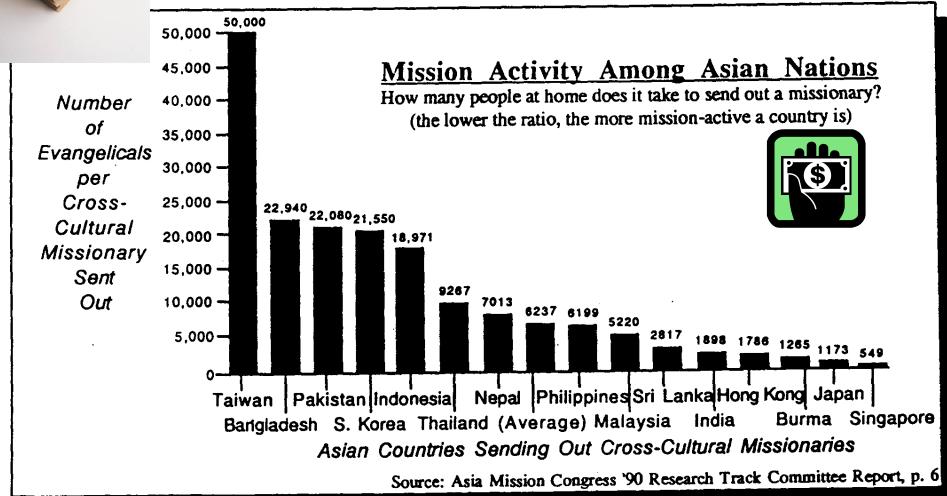
"You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others" (2 Tim. 2:2 NLT).







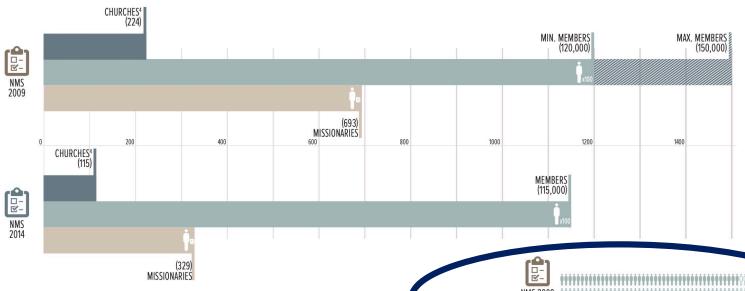
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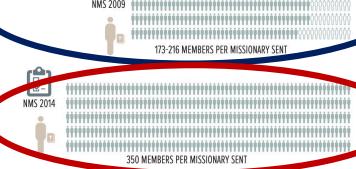


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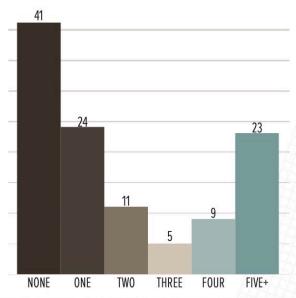
Second, if we only considered the 76 churches the participated in both NMS 2009 and NMS 2014, the number of missionaries sent by them went down from 324 to 265. Fewer missionaries were sent by the majority of these churches, some of whom were known for having a history of involvement in missions.



Missions in Singapore 2014 = 350 Believers per Missionary

# About one third of churches haven't sent out even one career missionary

#### Number of Career Missionaries sent per church



41 (35.7%) of the churches reported not sending out any career missionary. This may represent a decrease from NMS 2009 where 41.5% of the churches did not send out any career missionary.

FIGURE 2: NUMBER OF CAREER MISSIONARIES SENT PER CHURCH.

## Our church is one of the 9 that has sent out four missionaries.

### **Our Church's Vision**

**Love the Nations** 

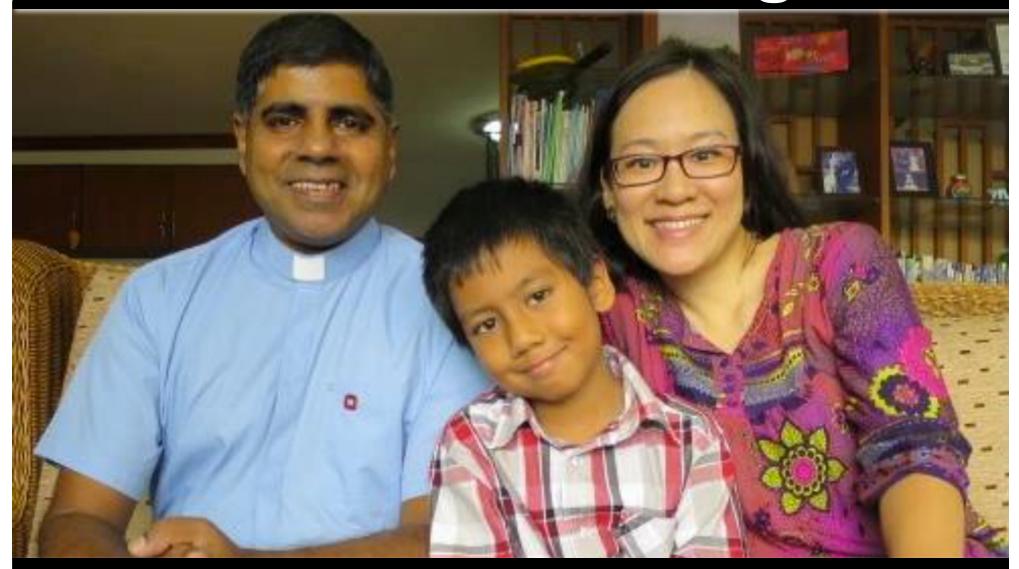
Love the Church

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## The Coreas in Bangkok



\$1500 quarterly through March

### Athan & Chanchan in India/USA



\$1500 quarterly through 2020

## Family in Central Asia



\$1200 annually

## Jonathan Stone in Myanmar



\$900 quarterly

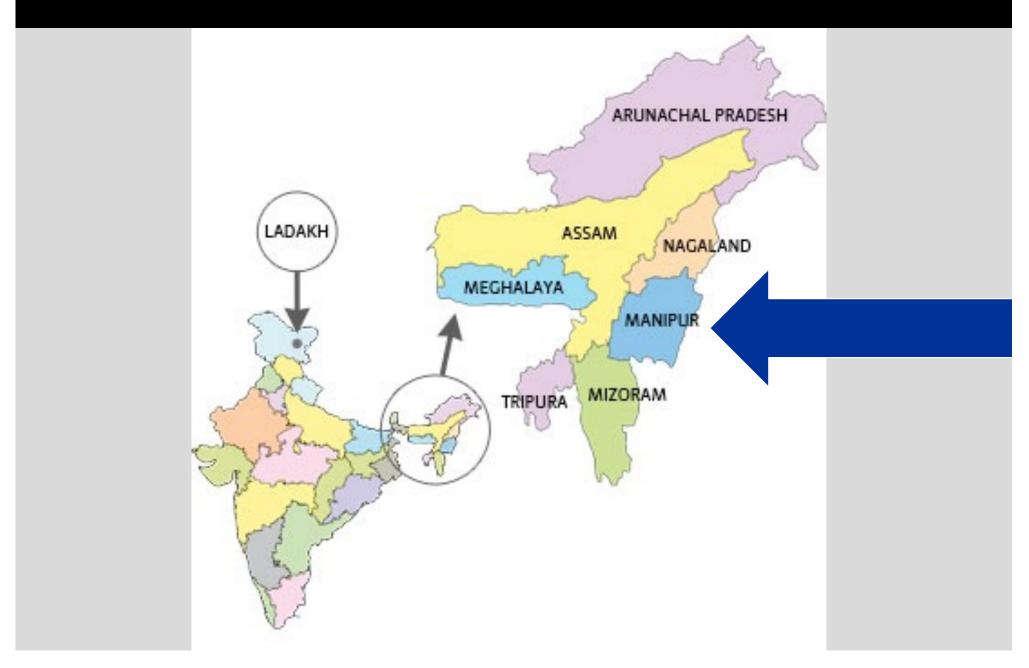
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## Noah (Chiru Tribe, Manipur)



## Noah (Chiru Tribe, Manipur)



#### Balance relationships with tasks (13-15).

"I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to write it with pen and ink. <sup>14</sup>For I hope to see you soon, and then we will talk face to face. <sup>15</sup>Peace be with you. Your friends here send you their greetings. Please give my personal greetings to each of our friends there" (vv. 13-15 NLT).

How can we obey God's truth?



MAIN IDEA OF 3 JOHN

#### **Summary Statement**

John encourages Gaius to continue supporting missionaries such as **Demetrius despite** opposition from Diotrephes to help the church to see its responsibility to finance God's work.

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#### What About You?



How are you advancing the gospel by supporting missionaries through hospitality and finances?



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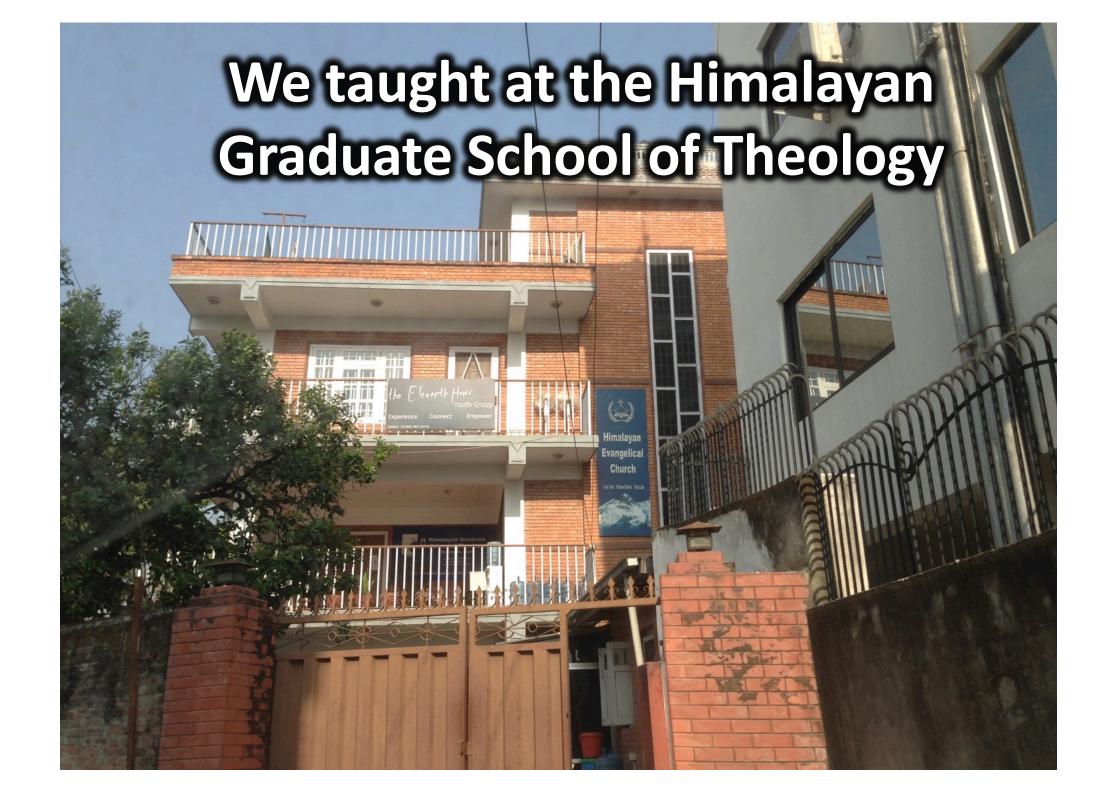
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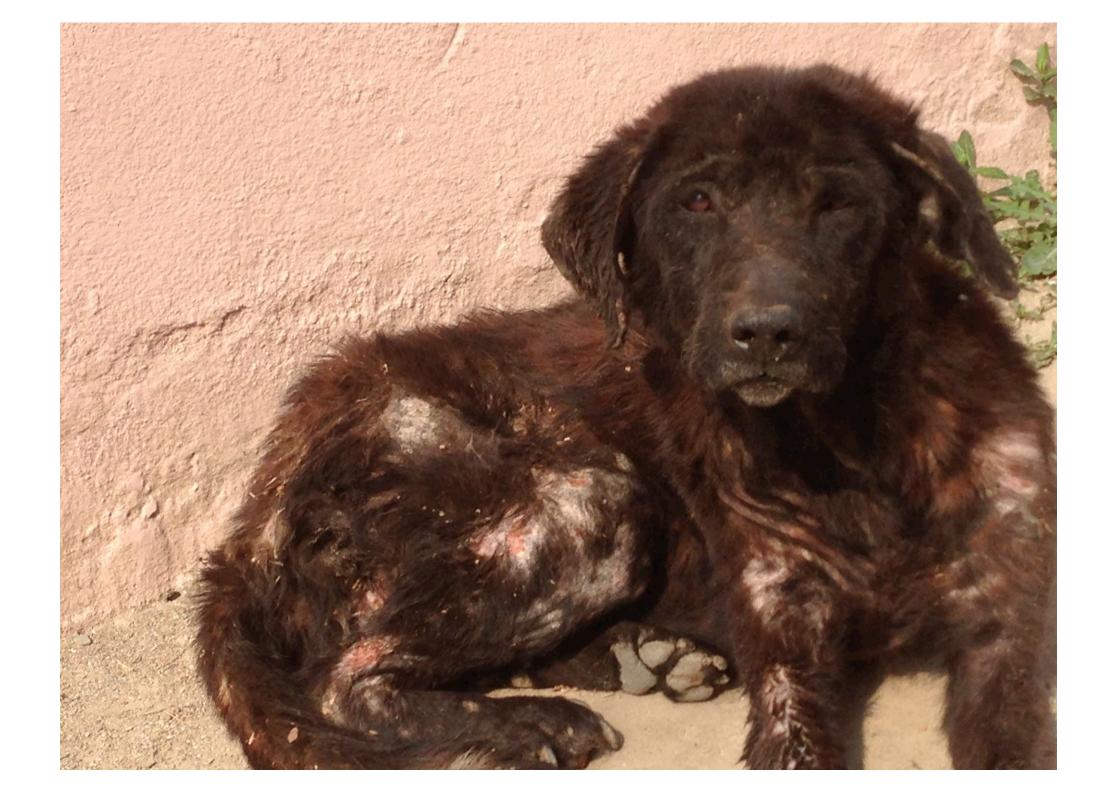




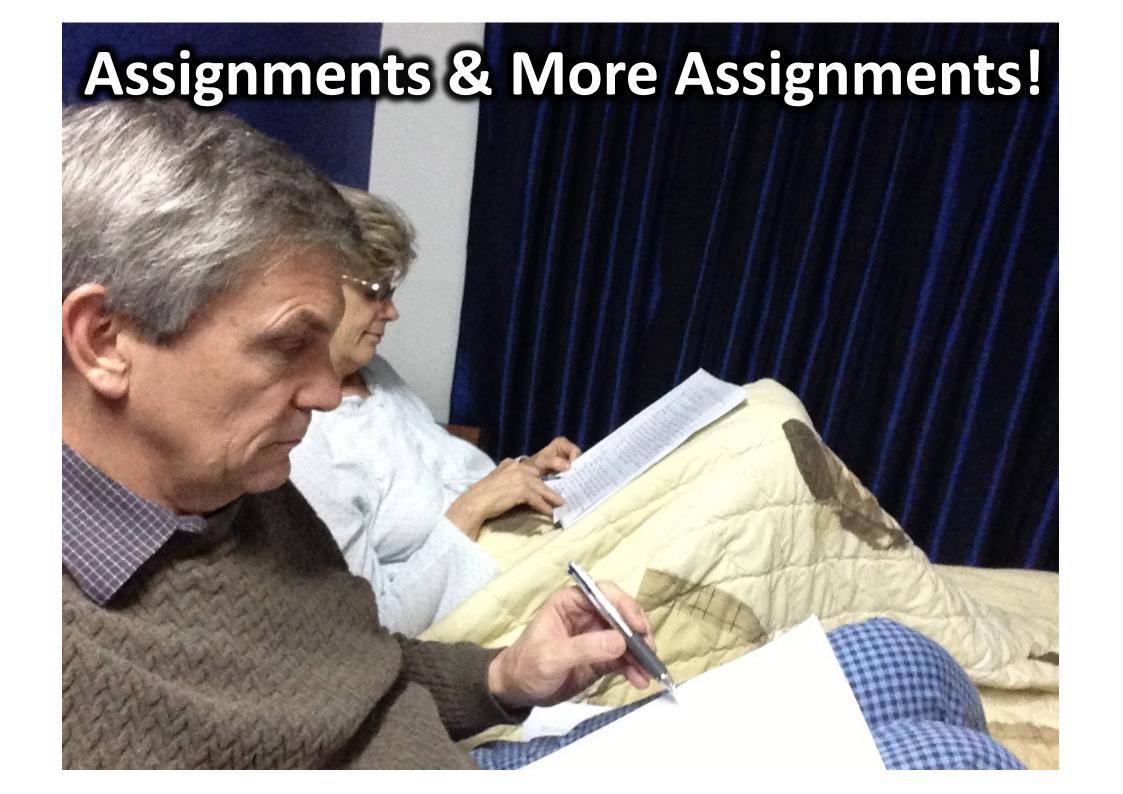


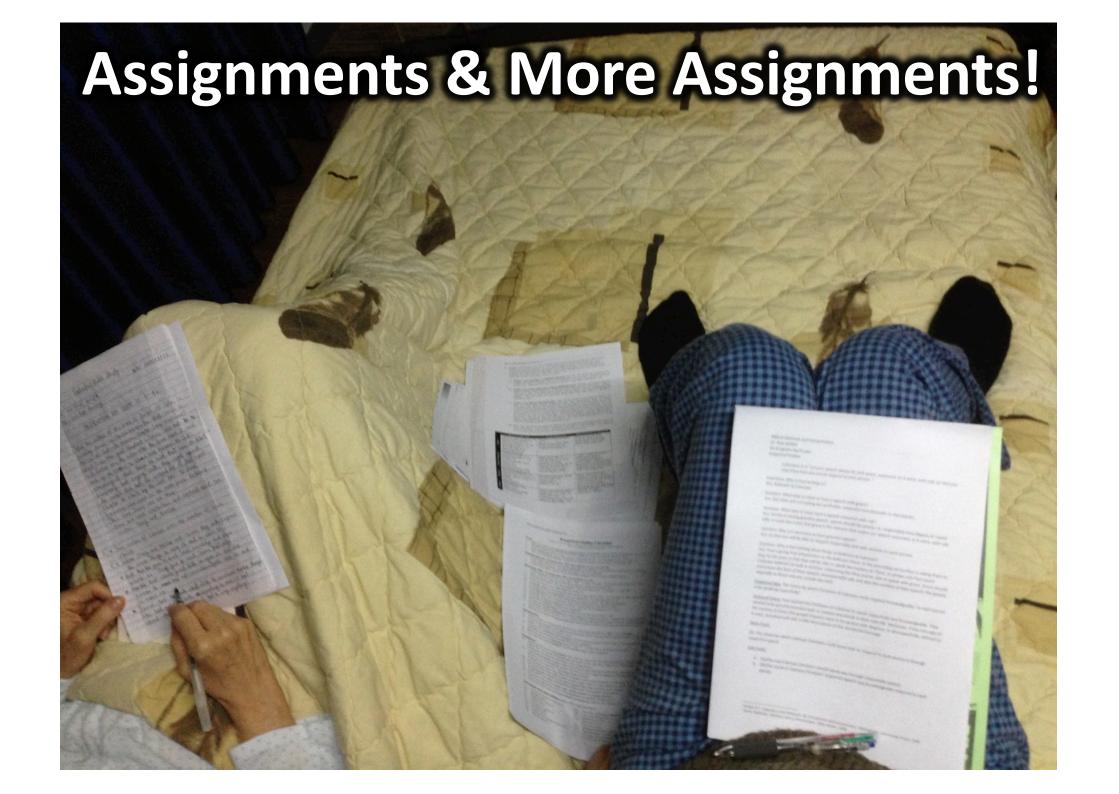
## We had many small groups















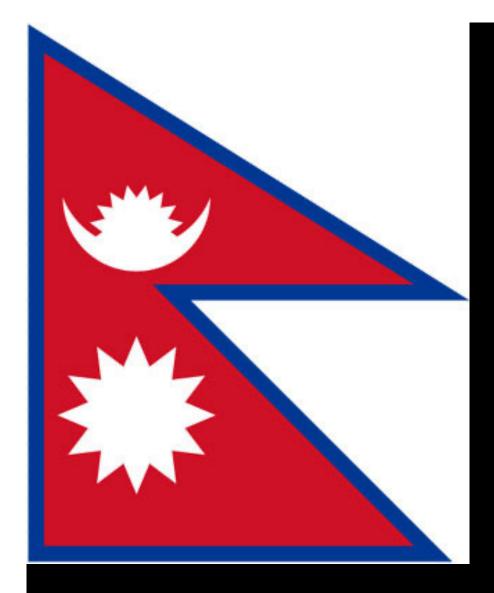
# Pastor Ananda Tamang



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# Thank God for the growth of the Nepali Church!



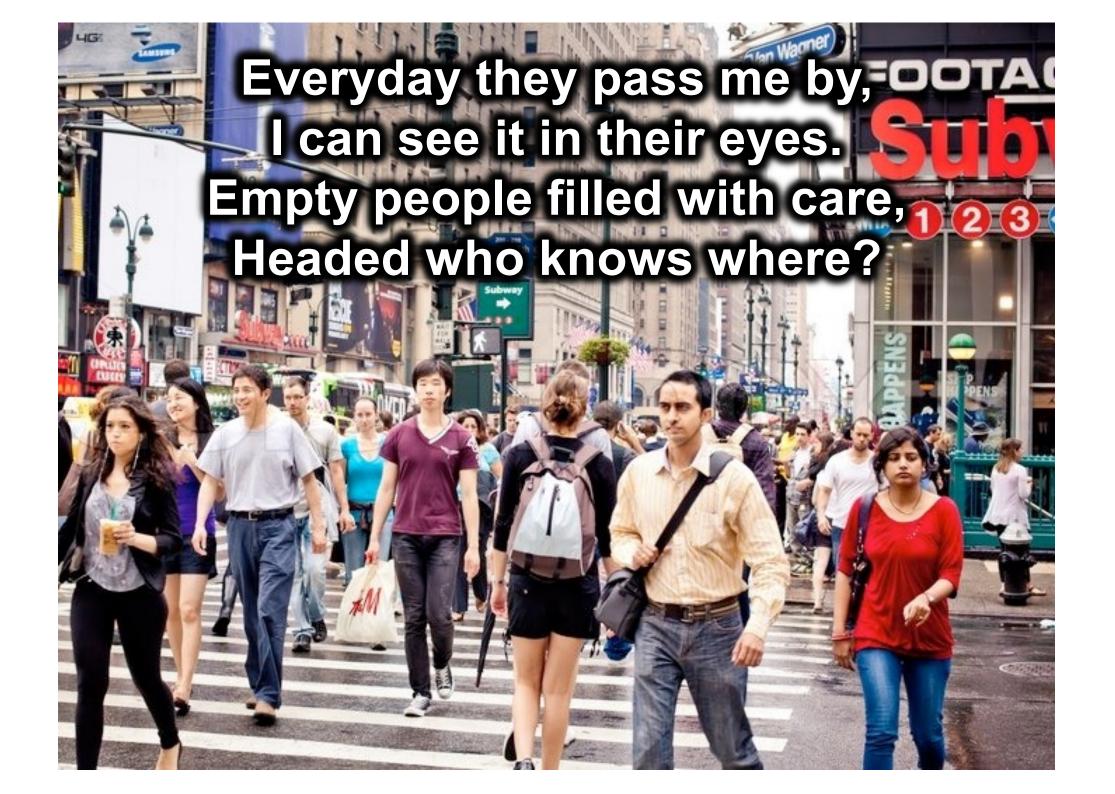


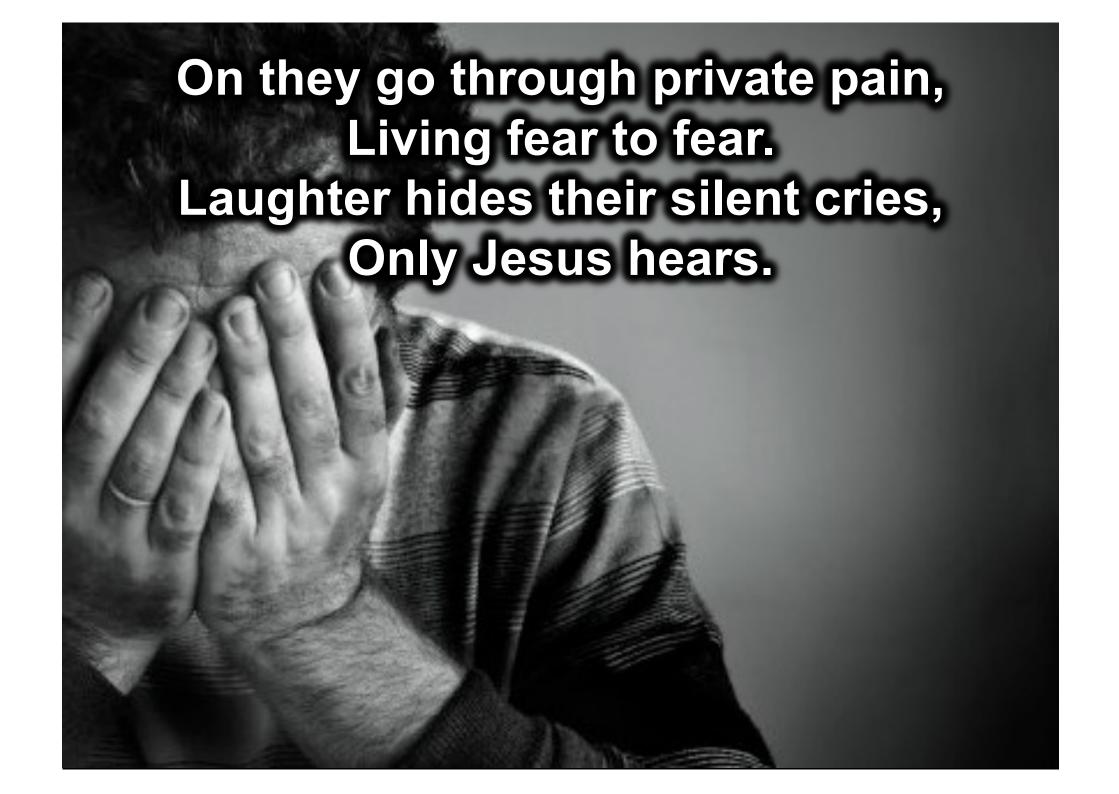
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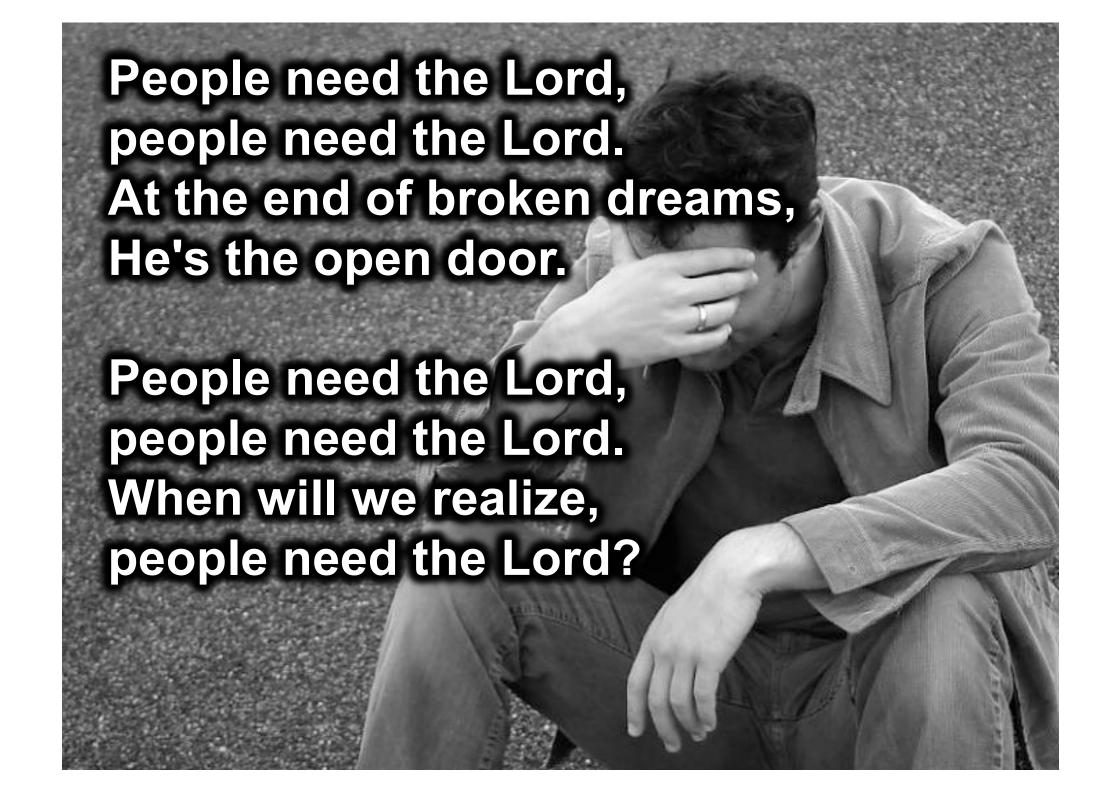
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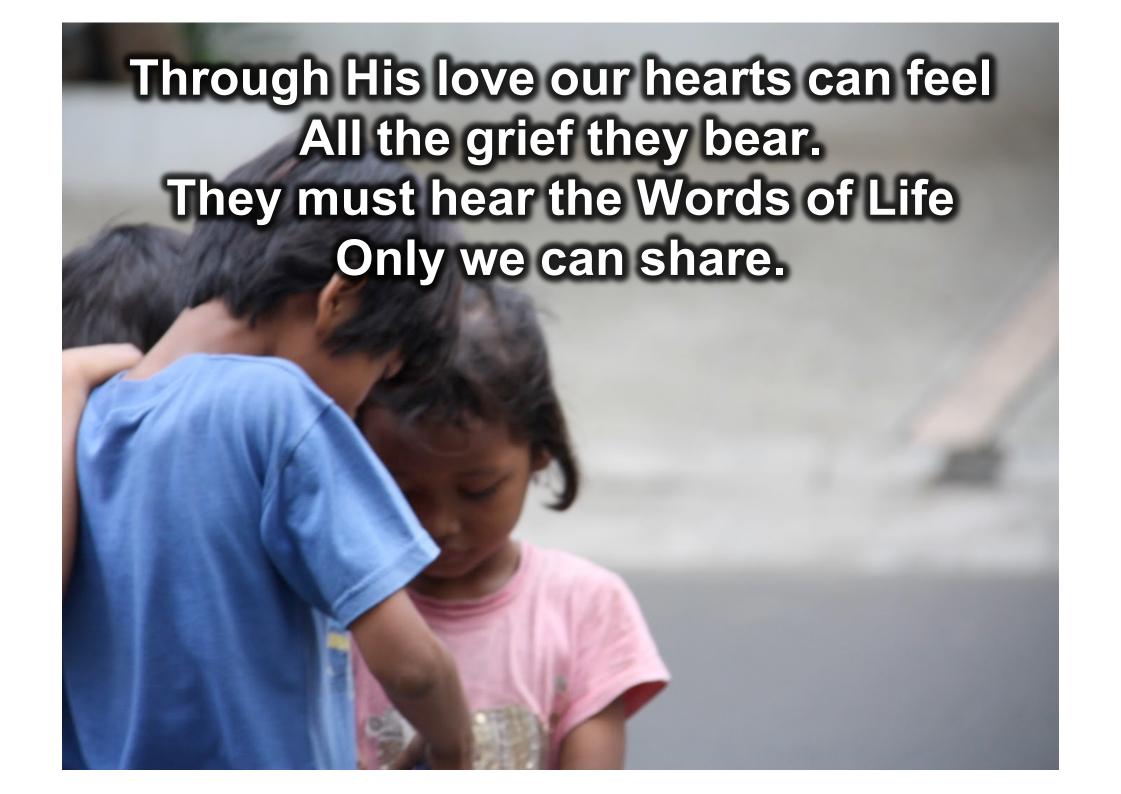
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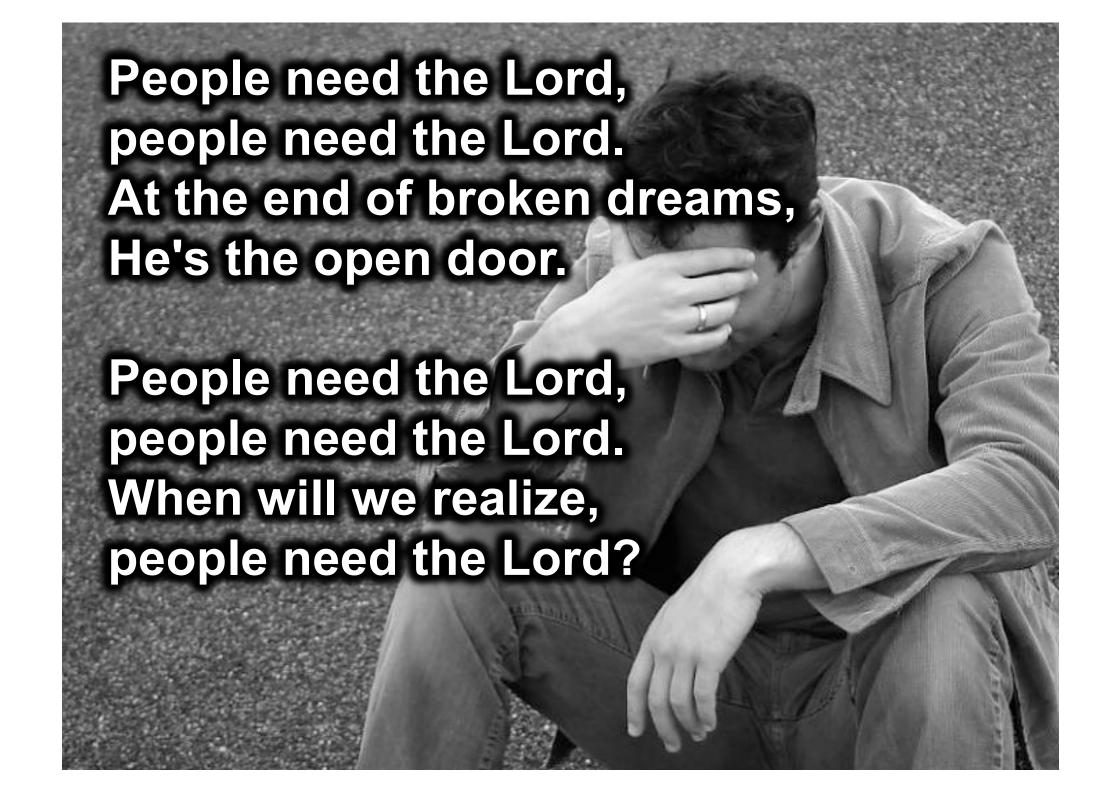






We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right.
What could be too great a cost
For sharing Life with one who's lost?





#### **Synthesis**

Supporting missionaries

1-8 Gaius confirmed

9-11 Diotrephes condemned

12 Demetrius recommended

13-15 Conclusion

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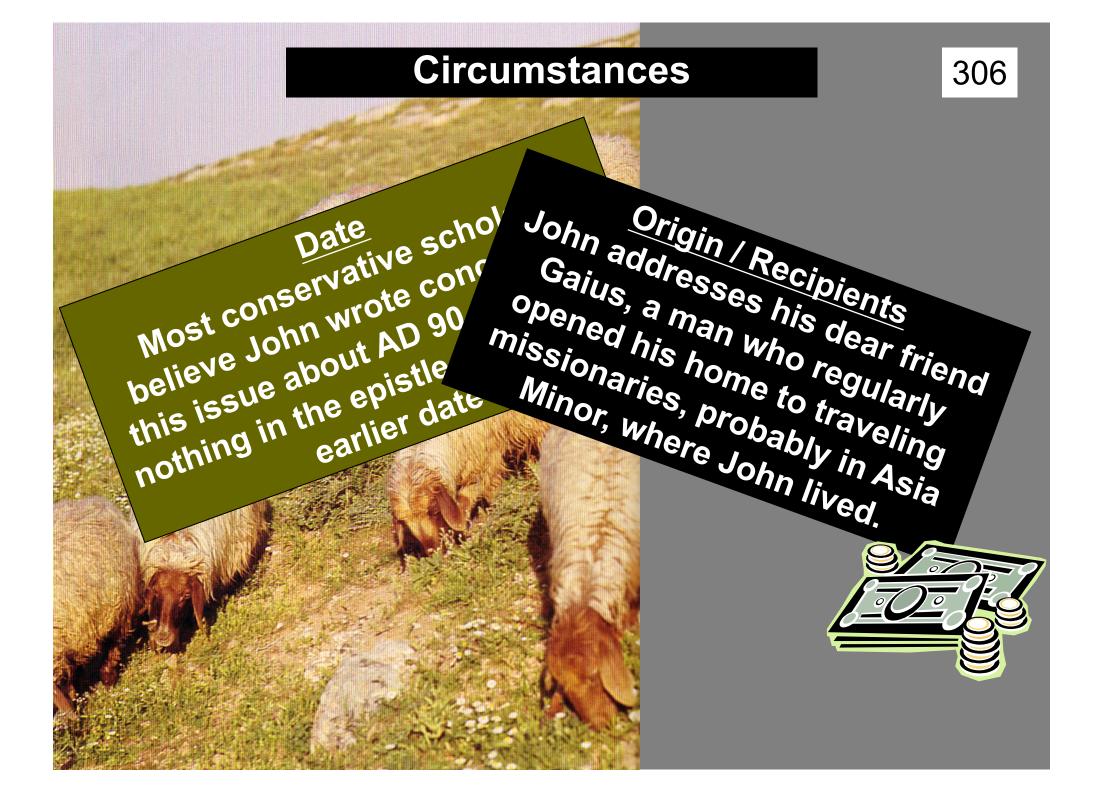
The Greek title (Ἰωάννου γ Third of John) follows the standard practice of naming the General Epistles after their authors and distinguishes this epistle from John's two others.

#### **Authorship**

**External Evidence** The Apostle John penned this shortest biblical writing (219 Greek words) as the leader of the Ephesian church in Asia Minor and author of his Gospel, 1 John, 2 John and Revelation.

#### **Internal Evidence**

- ➤ The title "the elder" was always interpreted as John until the rise of liberal scholarship.
- Themes such as love, joy, and truth bear remarkable resemblance to emphases in 1 John and the Gospel of John.





#### Argument

The postcard of 3 John teaches believers to show hospitality & support for true teachers sent from the church to enable them to spread the gospel freely.

John wrote Gaius to commend him for this kind of hospitality. John first commends Gaius for his faithful support of these men (vv. 1-8), then condemns Gaius' opposer, Diotrephes, for rejecting the missionaries and those who supported them (vv. 9-11), and concludes with an introduction of Demetrius, who is worthy of support (v. 12) along with some personal matters (vv. 13-15).

#### **Outline**

I. (1-8) John confirms Gaius for his godliness and missionary support so that he would continue to support missionaries despite Diotrephes' opposition.



- II. (9-11) John condemns Diotrephes for rejecting his teaching and for opposing missionary support so that his evil actions would not be imitated.
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IV. (13-15) John expresses a desire to personally see Gaius, wishes him peace, sends greetings, and requests greetings to Gaius' friends on his behalf to reinforce both his displeasure with Diotrephes and his affection for Gaius.



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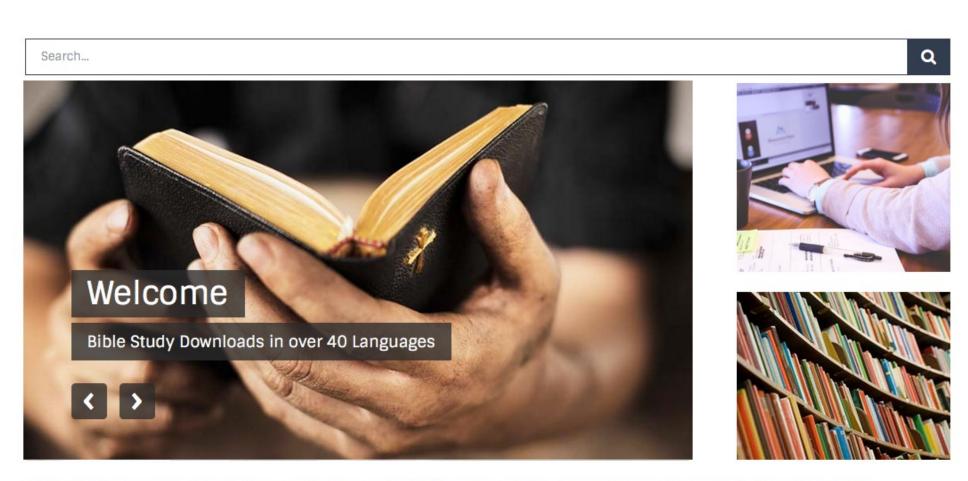
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