

# The Doctrine of Scripture (2)

## Lesson Eight: Transmission of Scripture (part 4)

# Transmission of Scripture

## Canons of Textual Criticism

### A. Internal Evidence

➤ *“the reading which best explains the origin of the others is most likely original”*

- transcriptional probabilities based on scribal habits (unintentional and intentional)
- intrinsic probabilities based on what the original authors most likely wrote

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## Colossians 2:2: 15 variant readings!

*“a true knowledge of the mystery...”*

- of God, Christ (*tou qeou Cristou*)
- of God
- of Christ
- of God and Christ
- of God, which is Christ
- of God in Christ
- of God the Father of Christ
- of God the Father and of Christ
- of God and of the Father and of Christ

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## Canons of Textual Criticism

### A. Internal Evidence

1. the harder reading is often preferable
2. the shorter reading is generally preferable
3. in parallel texts, differing readings are often preferable
4. the reading that most closely conforms to the author's style is generally preferable

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### B. External Evidence (manuscripts)

➤ *“Manuscripts must be weighed not counted”*

1. The reading that is supported by the oldest manuscripts is generally preferable
2. The reading with the widest geographical distribution of witnesses is more preferable
3. The Alexandrian-type readings are generally preferable; Byzantine-only readings are least likely

	Alexandrian (B text)	Caesarean (C text)	Western (D text)	Byzantine (A text)
<b>Gospels</b>	<p> <math>\delta^s \delta^m \delta^l \delta^x \delta^y \delta^z</math>  <math>\delta^a \delta^b \delta^c \delta^d</math>                      W (04k only)                      R B C L Q T                      W (01, 11—16, 12, 10) Z                      Δ X Y 054 059                      060 062                      20, 30, 164, 215, 276,                      279, 718, 850, 892, 1241                      (1542 Ms)                      Boh (Sah)                      Ath, Cyr-Alex (O)                 </p>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math>                      W (04k only)                 </p>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math>                      D (V) Ms 1—57)                      0171                 </p>	<p>                     AEFGHKMSUV                      (W) Ms EA 8/123/J                      A T T                 </p>
<b>Acts</b>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math> (<math>\delta^m</math>)                      R A C P 048 076                      096                      6, 33, 81, 104, 326, 1175                      Boh (Sah)                      Ath, Cyr-Alex,                      Clem-Alex (O)                 </p>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math> <math>\delta^m</math> <math>\delta^l</math> <math>\delta^x</math>                      D, E, 066                 </p>	<p>                     217, 440, 614, 913                      1108, 1543, 1518,                      1611, 1739, 2138,                      2298                 </p>	<p>                     H L S P                      D, E, 066                      most minuscules                 </p>
<b>Catholic Epistles</b>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math> <math>\delta^m</math> <math>\delta^l</math> <math>\delta^x</math>                      R A C P P                      048 056, 0142, 0126                      23, 81, 104, 323, 326,                      604c, 1175, 2709, 2298                      Boh (Sah)                      Ath, Cyr-Alex,                      Clem-Alex (O)                 </p>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math>                      D, E                 </p>	<p>                     H L S                      most other minuscules                 </p>	<p>                     H L S P                      Goth, later versions                      later church fathers                 </p>
<b>Paul and Hebrews</b>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math> <math>\delta^m</math> <math>\delta^l</math> <math>\delta^x</math> <math>\delta^y</math> <math>\delta^z</math>  <math>\delta^a</math> <math>\delta^b</math> <math>\delta^c</math> <math>\delta^d</math>                      R A B C H I M V 048                      081, 088, 0220                      6, 33, 81, 104, 326, 424c,                      1175, 1739, 1906                      Boh (Sah)                 </p>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math> <math>\delta^m</math> <math>\delta^l</math> <math>\delta^x</math> <math>\delta^y</math> <math>\delta^z</math>  <math>\delta^a</math> <math>\delta^b</math> <math>\delta^c</math> <math>\delta^d</math> </p>	<p>                     D E F G                      048 (Th Tim                      Philon)                      88, 181, 913, 917,                      185b, 1858, 1912                 </p>	<p>                     K L                      most other minuscules                      Goth, later versions                      later church fathers                 </p>
<b>Revelation</b>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math> <math>\delta^m</math> <math>\delta^l</math> <math>\delta^x</math>                      R A C P 0207 0169                      61, 69, 94, 241, 1006,                      1175, 1611, 1841, 1852,                      2060, 2093, 2344, 2391                 </p>	<p> <math>\delta^s</math> <math>\delta^m</math> <math>\delta^l</math> <math>\delta^x</math> </p>	<p>                     F 7                      82, 93, 429, 469, 808, 920,                      2646                      most other minuscules                 </p>	<p>                     H 7                      Goth, later versions                      later church fathers                 </p>



## Mark 16:9-20

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### 1. Omit

<u>Alex.</u>	<u>Caes.</u>	<u>West.</u>	<u>Byz.</u>
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cop	geo syr(s)	it(k)	
(Clement Origen Eusebius Jerome)			

### 2. Include

C X L 099 0112	W Q	D	A K W P
33 892 579	f13	28	late minusc.
(Diatessaron, Irenaeus)		Syr(c) Vg	