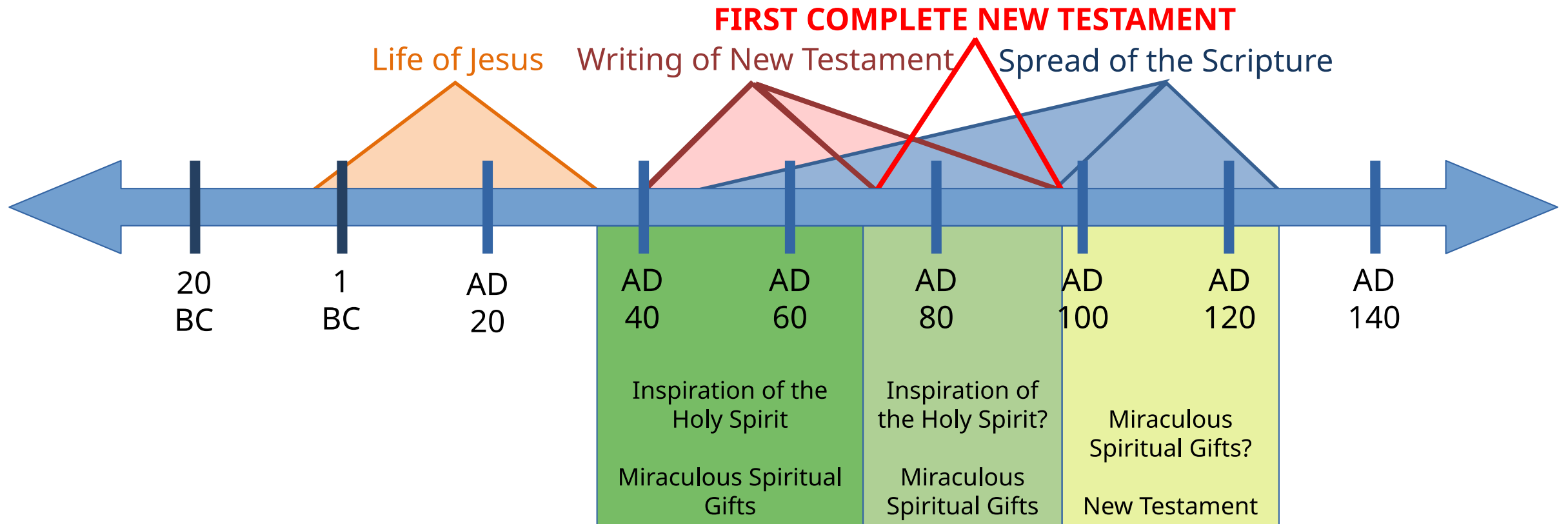


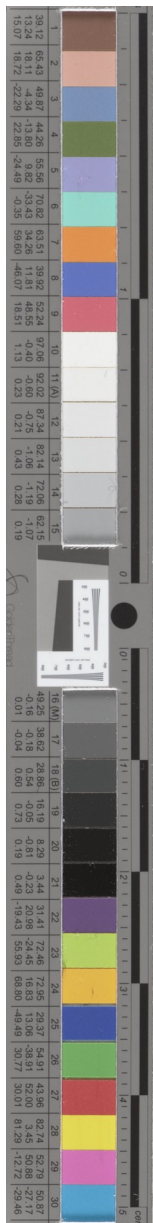
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Lesson 3: Manuscripts

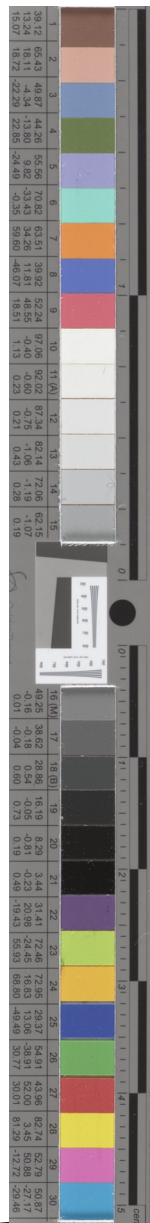
The First Copy of the New Testament



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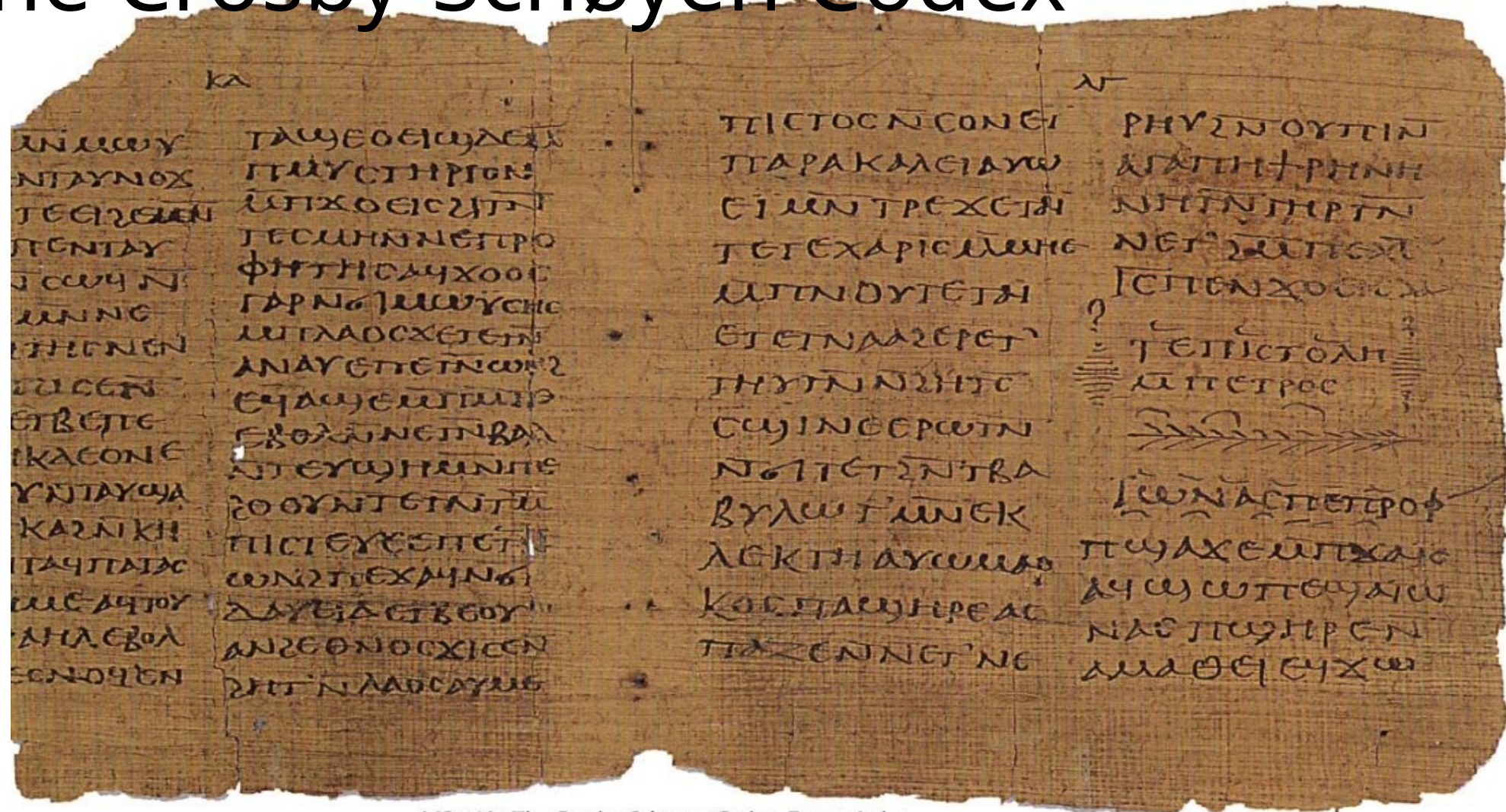
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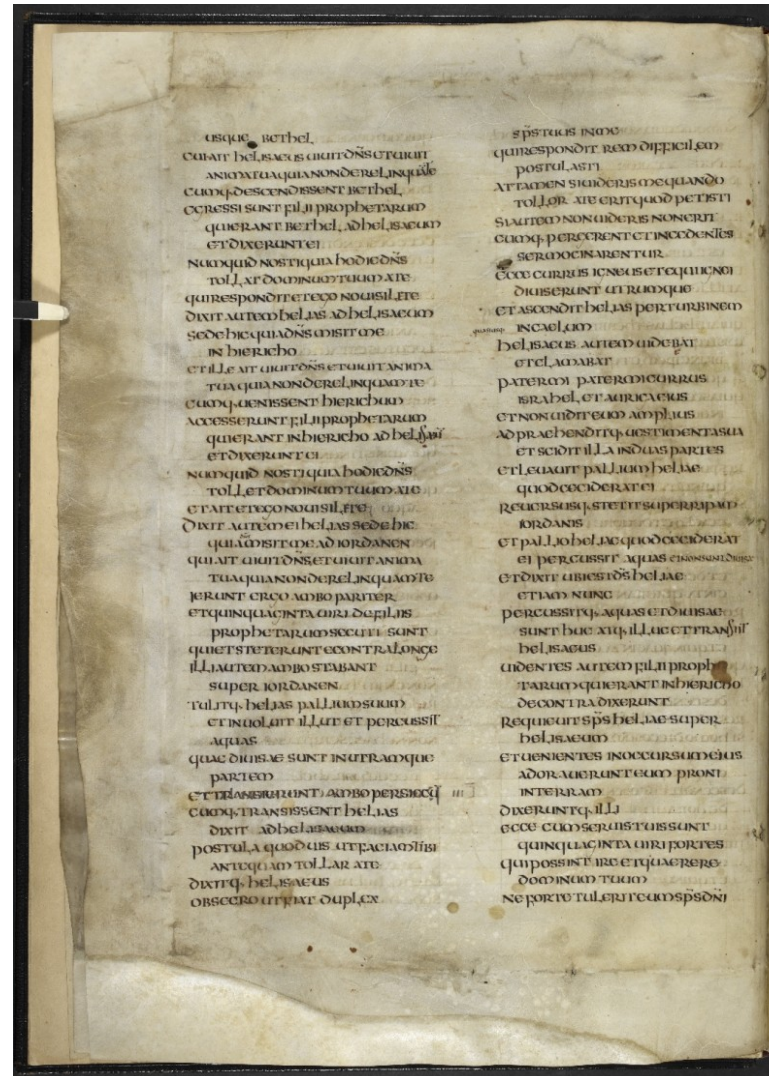


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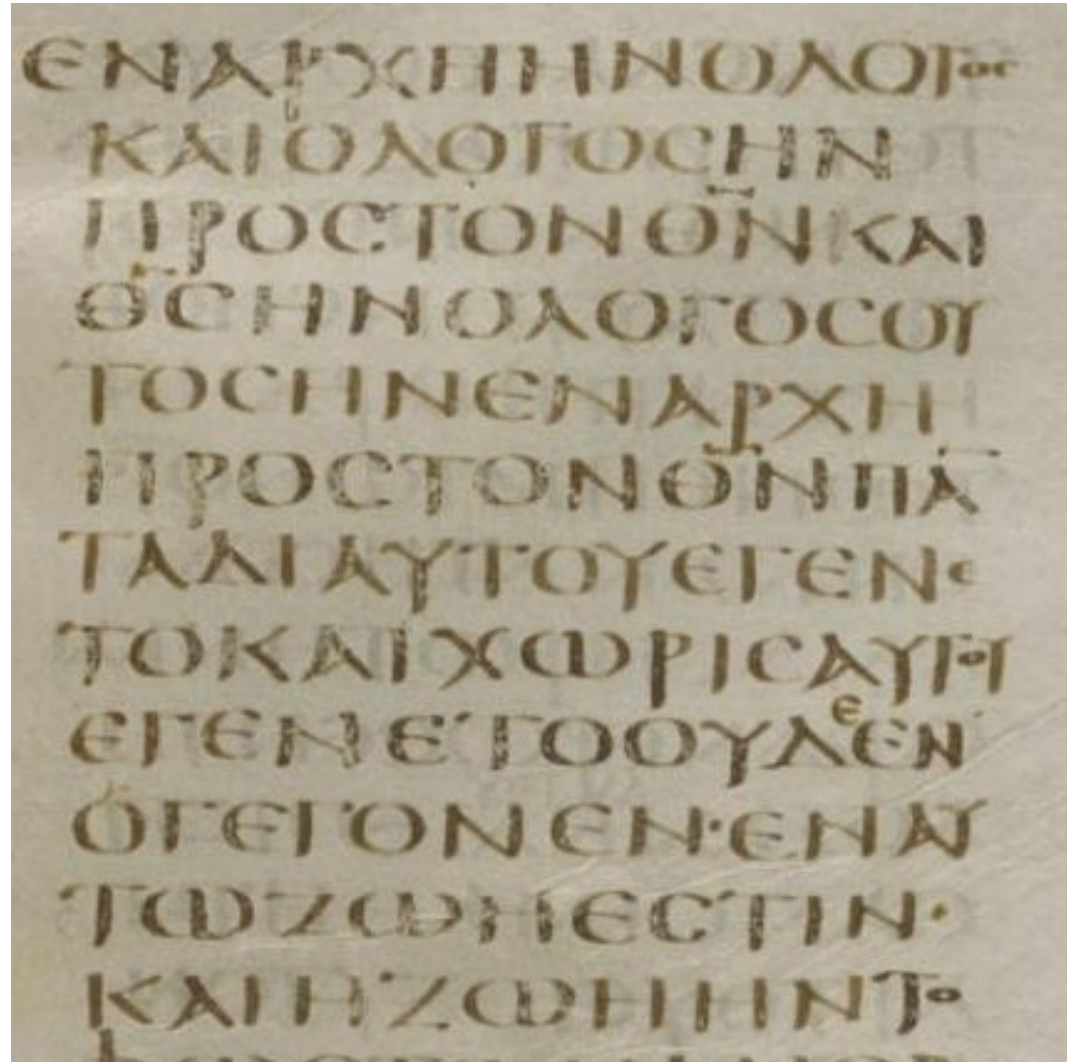


MS 193 The Crosby-Schøyen Codex. Egypt, 3rd c.
The oldest MS of Jonah and 1st Peter, and the oldest book in private ownership

Jerome and the Vulgate



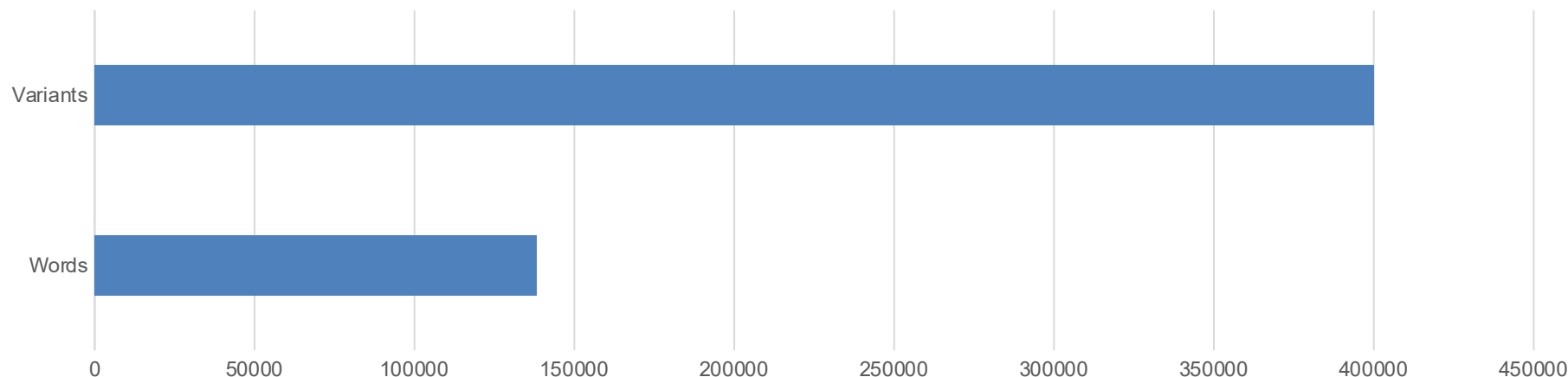
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Variants in the Greek New Testament

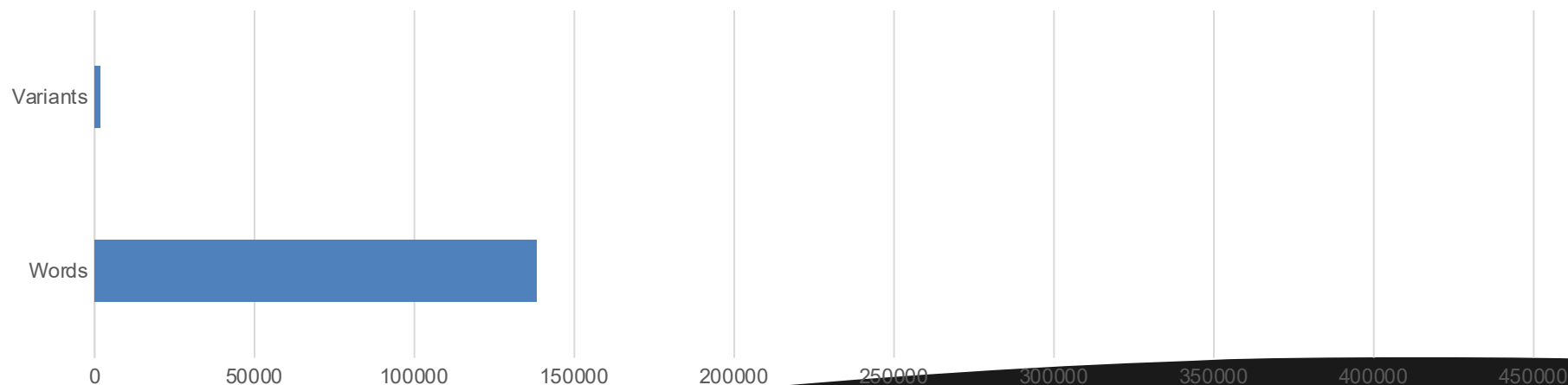
Variations vs. Words

Critic claim:



Variations vs. Words

Wording variations:




Exercise 1

Identify the differences in John 1:1:

TR: ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος

NA28: ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος

My Answer

- The differences between the TR and NA28 are very minor and usually have no impact on the meaning of the text. The most difficult passages with variations are covered in Lesson 6.
 - You may notice that the NA28 includes an additional comma, though punctuation was not in the original.
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Question 2

Why are there so few
English manuscripts of
the Bible?

My Answer

- The English translations gained popularity after the invention of the printing press.
- What can you read?
 - Latin Vulgate (405): In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum
 - Lindisfarne Gospel (8th century): in fruma uæs uord 7 uord þ is Godes sunu uæs mið God feder 7 God uæs uord
 - Tyndale (1526): In the beginnyng was the worde and the worde was with God: and the worde was God
 - Coverdale Bible (1535): In the begynnynge was the worde, and the worde was with God, and God was ye worde.
 - Geneva Bible (1587): In the beginning was that Word, and that Word was with God, and that Word was God.
 - KJV (1611): In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - KJV (1769): In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - LSB (2021): In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Question 3

Will we be judged with the same strictness as someone who didn't have all these manuscripts?
Why? (Luke 12:48)

My Answer

- We have no excuse to know the Word of God. In an age where the most criticisms have been set against the Scriptures, we have the greatest profundity and quality of them. We will not have the excuse of missing any of God's revelation, and the principle in the Bible is that we will be judged according to what we have been given (which is very much).
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