2 John

Who, When, Where

Written by Yohannes (John). Yohannes was one of Yeshua's closest disciples. And the disciple whom Yeshua loved. He was a fisherman with his brother James (Yaakov) and Yeshua nicknamed them "The Sons of Thunder". As far as we know John lived longer than all the other disciples and died as an old man on the island of Patmos around 100AD.

We don't know when John (Yohannes) wrote this letter. We presume it was later in his life, so sometime in the decade or so before his death around 100AD.

We also don't know where Yohannes was at the time, or even who the Lady was. Most scholars think it was a general letter to the church.

Summary

Written to warn Christians against listening to false teachers who deny that Yeshua came in the flesh.

Yohannes should know, he spent 3 years walking around with him!

Before You Read

What would it take for someone to convince you that Yeshua was a fake?

What would it take to convince you that he was some kind of special spirit being or angel who visited us and wasn't really a man like us?

If Yeshua really didn't live in the flesh as a man, how would that affect the gospel as you know it?

Key Verses

2 John 5

… not as if I'm writing you a new command, but one which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

This is in fact the ONLY command Yeshua ever gave us. How are you doing with it? Or are you too busy?

After You Read

What verses really stood out to you?

How would you summarize this book in a sentence or two? What is it about? What is God trying to say to us?

If Yeshua didn't live as a physical man, then his sacrifice was insufficient to save you. It was no better than the sacrifices of sheep and cows which could only cover over your sins. If Yeshua didn't live as a physical man, then he didn't die as a physical man, and the wasn't resurrected. So there is no hope for you to expect a resurrection from the dead and you may as well start partying because when you're dead you're going to a very dark and nasty place which you will never escape.