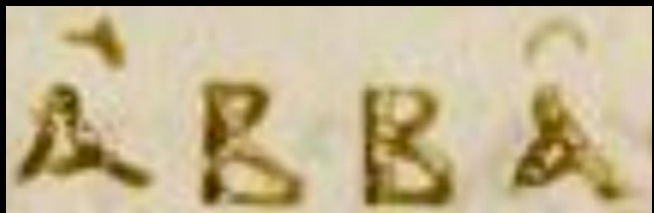


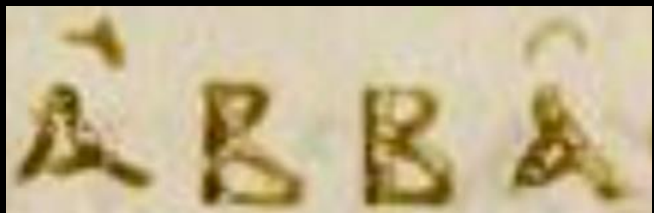
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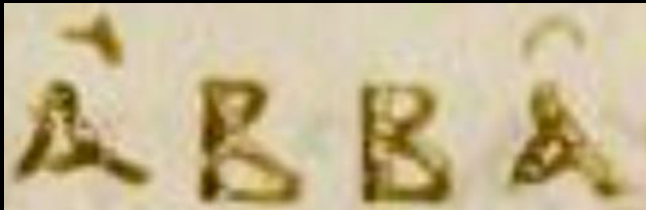
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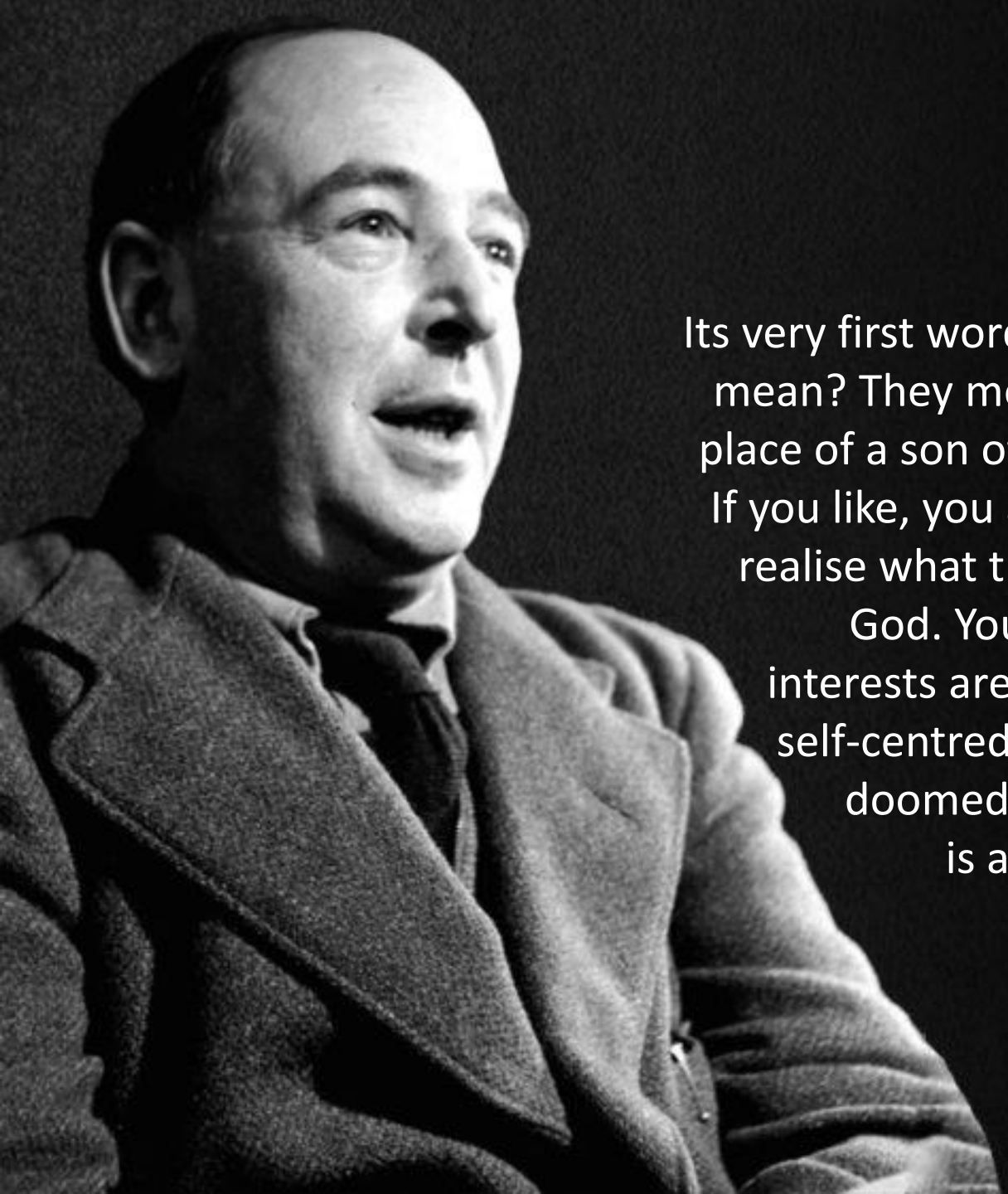
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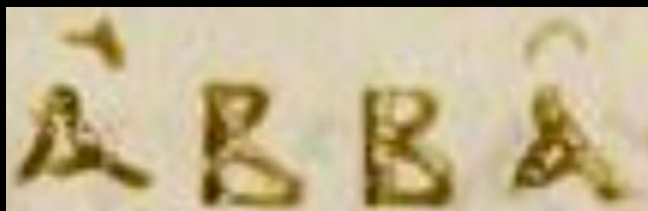
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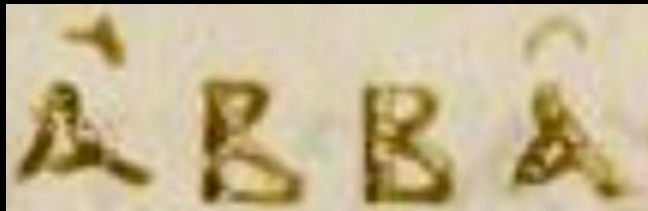


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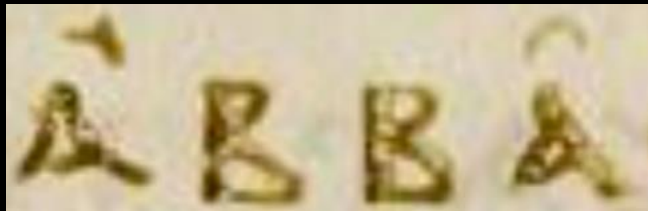
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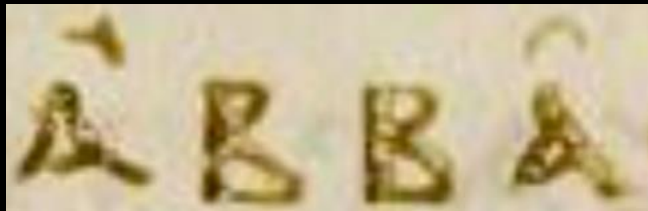
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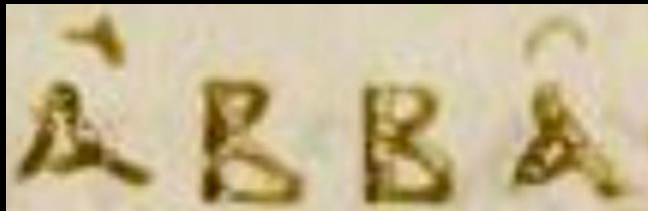
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Mark 14:32-33

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.



Mark 14:34

“My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”



Mark 14:35-36

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.

“*Abba*, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”



Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.



Mark 5:41

He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).



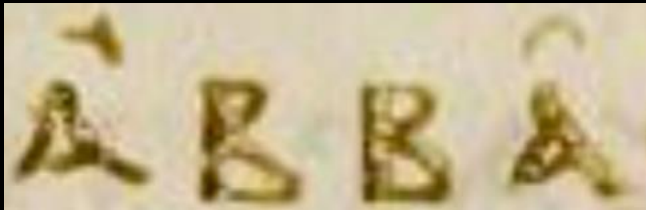
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He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”).



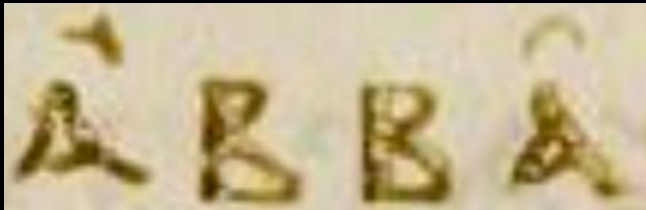
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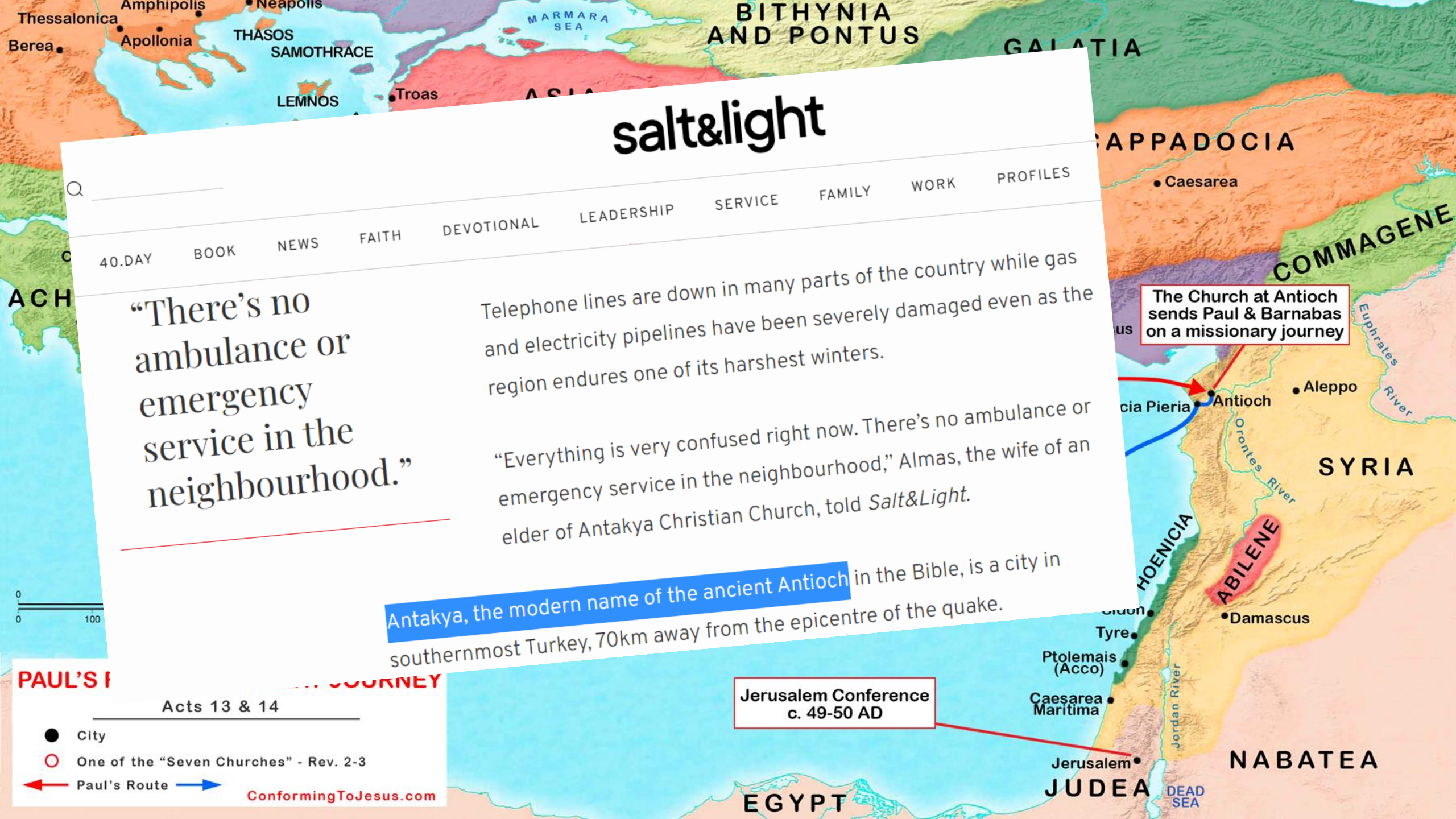
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Galatians 4:4-5

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.



Galatians 4:6

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father!"

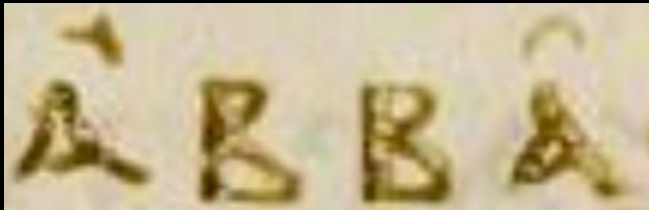


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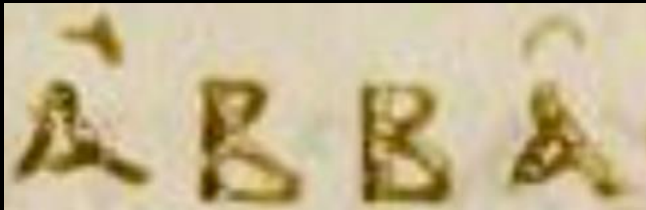
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Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!



Romans 8:6-7

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.



Romans 8:9

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

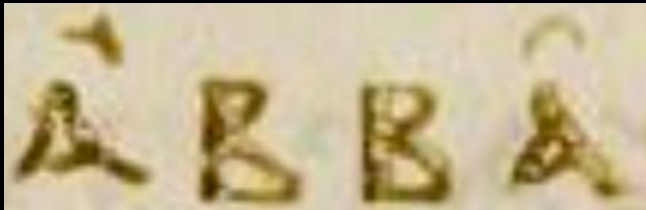


Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father!”

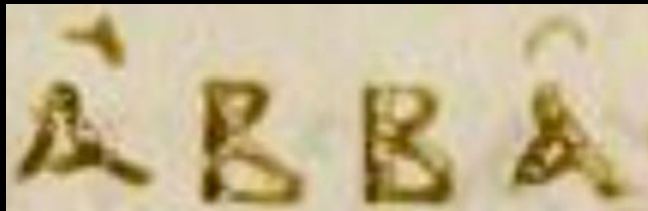
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“Child of God, you cost Christ too much for
Him to forget you.”

- C.H. Spurgeon