

Bible Study of 2nd John (ESV)

Question the dating of the letter.
Then start questioning everything else based on the later date of 85-95AD.

Greeting

1 The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth,

2 because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:

3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

Walking in Truth and Love

4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.

2nd John Reference Scriptures

85-95 AD? Or is it more likely that it's between 55-65 AD? Depends what your eschatological position is!

(v1) John 19:25-27

²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

(v2&3) John 14:5-6

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"
6 Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**"

(v4) Matthew 12:46-50

Jesus' Mother and Brothers

46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. 48 But he replied to the man who told him, "**Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?**" 49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "**Here are my mother and my brothers!** 50 **For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**"

(v4) Luke 11:27-28

True Blessedness

²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸ But he said, "**Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!**"

(v4) John 14:15

15 "**If you love me, you will keep my commandments.**"

5 And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another.

6 And this is love, **that we walk according to his commandments**; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.

9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God.

Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching,

(v5) John 15:12

12 **“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

(v6) 1st John 3:23

23 And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

(v7) Matthew 24:3-5

Signs of the End of the Age

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, **“See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray.**

(v8) 1st Corinthians 9:24

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. *(This is not a salvation issue.)*

(v8) Philippians 3:14

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

(v9) 1st John 2:19

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

(v9) John 14:18-20

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

(v10) Mark 12:30-31

30 **And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’** 31 The second is this: **‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”**

do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting,

11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

Final Greetings

12 Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

13 The children of your elect sister greet you.

(v10) 1st Corinthians 5:11-13

11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? 13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

(v11) 1st Timothy 5:22

22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.

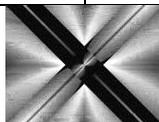
(v11) Ephesians 5:6-8

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not become partners with them; 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

(v12) John 15:11

11 **These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.**

(v13) Mary Magdalene is Mary's (*Jesus' mother*) elect sister. Mary Magdalene's children are the women who formed a church around Mary Magdalene's ministry of service, supporting John's ministry. Just as Mary Magdalene served Jesus' ministry while he was on the earth. Remember, Mary Magdalene was the first person Jesus showed Himself to after His resurrection.



Unless the Lord builds the house...

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