

THIRD JOHN

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Background

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Writer: the Apostle John ("the elder")

Date: ca. 90AD

Recipient: "Gaius" – a faithful man in a church in Asia Minor.

Purpose: To commend Gaius for his faithfulness and to encourage him to follow the example of godly people.

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“...likes to put himself first...”

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"...doesn't even acknowledge our authority..."

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"...talking wicked nonsense against us..."

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"So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing..."

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