

Gregory-Aland 2603

(a.k.a. Dublin, Ireland, Chester Beatty Library, W 134)

***Kurzgefasste Liste* description:**

GA Number: 2603

Contents: e

Date: XII

Material: parchment

Leaves: 255

Columns: 1

Lines per page: 24–26

Dimensions: 17.5 H x 13.5 cm W

Shelf Number: Chester Beatty W 134

Corrections to K-Liste description: lines per page

***CSNTM* description:**

GA Number: 2603

Contents: e

Date: XII

Material: parchment

Columns: 1

Lines per page: 24 (except on 14a: 26)

Shelf Number: W 134¹

Dimensions: 13.2–13.5 x 17.3–17.5 x 3.9–4.2 cm (W, H, D)

Leaves: 255 (510 pages) + additional matter (6 images) + cover & color chart (7) = 523 total images

Cover & Color Chart: 7

Additional Matter:

Front: inside front cover, one paper leaf

Back: one paper leaf, inside back cover

Quires: too tightly bound; could not identify

Text: 255

Notable features:

Foliated correctly

Because the binding is too tightly bound and cannot be opened all the way, the MS appears bowed

¹ Inside front cover W 132 is written in pencil, and crossed out with W 134 then written in pencil.

- 1–2: Mt table of contents, hypothesis (?)
- 3b: icon of Mt, gilded
- 4a–71b: Matthew
- 14a (Mt 6): the letters are significantly smaller than those on 13b or 14b. (26 lines of text instead of the normal 24.) The scribe apparently had made a mistake by accidentally omitting a verse or two, then used a new sheet to write them out. He had to reduce the size of the letters to fit it all on one page.
- 53b: marginal note, correcting text at Mt 25.36: text omitted was ἡσθένησα, καὶ ἐπεσκέψασθέ με. ‘+’ above where it is to be inserted, and in the margin. Apparently the scribe skipped over the second με, classic example of haplography occasioned by homoioteleuton. The text is not at the end of a line, however, but at the beginning. The verse, with lines matching the MS, is as follows:
- (35) συνηγάγετέ με· (36) γυμνός, καὶ περιεβά-
λετέ με· + ἐν φυλακῇ ἤμην, καὶ ἦλθετε
πρός με.
- 72a–b: table of contents for Mark
- 72b–73b: hypothesis (?) or ‘prologue’ to Mark
- 74a: icon of Mark, gilded. Unusual in that it is on the recto rather than the verso. The verso of this leaf is blank.
- 75a–117b: Mark (16.8 on 116b, fourth line from bottom).
- 117b–119a: hypothesis for Luke
- 119a–120b: table of contents for Luke (reverse order with hypothesis of what scribe did for Matthew and Mark; different exemplar or inattention to detail?)
- 121b: Luke icon (recto blank except for some scribbling), gilded.
- 122a–196b: Luke
- 196b–197b: prologue to John
- 198a: short table of contents; brief excursus about John, the son of thunder (same as in 2882).
- 198b: icon of John, gilded. Unusual in that there is the πιναξ on the recto, though rubricated presumably so as not to bleed through.
- 199a–249b: John
- 199a: unusual title for a Gospel: “the *beginning* of the holy Gospel according to John”
- 207a: scribe accidentally left out first part of John 4.24 (πνεῦμα ὁ θεός· καὶ τοὺς προσκυνοῦντας αὐτῷ).²
- 219a–b: PA
- 250a–255b: lectionary apparatus

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² Also, the text has αὐτῷ for αὐτον both in v. 23 and v. 24.