

Gregory-Aland 2605
(a.k.a. Dublin, Ireland, Chester Beatty Library, W 140)

***Kurzgefasste Liste* description:**

GA Number: 2605
Contents: e
Date: XIII
Material: parchment
Leaves: 176
Columns: 1
Lines per page: 23–26
Dimensions: 19 x 14 cm
Shelf Number: CBL MS W 140

Corrections to K-Liste description: lines per page, dimensions, number of scribes

***CSNTM* description:**

GA Number: 2605
Contents: e†
Date: XIII
Material: parchment
Columns: 1
Lines per page: 24–27
Shelf Number: W 140
Dimensions: 13.3–13.8 x 19.2–19.4 x 5.5 cm (W, H, D)

**Leaves: 176 (352 pages) + additional matter (14 images) + cover & color chart (7)
=373 total images**

Cover & Color Chart: 7

Additional Matter:

Front: inside front cover, 3 parchment leaves (all blank)

Back: 3 parchment leaves (all blank), inside back cover

Quires¹: *1.1–3, 2.4–11, 3.12–19, 4.20–27, 5.28–35, 6.36–43, 7.44–51, 8.52–55 (end of Mt, start of Mk), 9.56–64(?), 10.65–72, 11.73–78, 12.79–86, 13.87–94, 14.95–102, 15.103–110, 16.111–118, 17.119–127(?), 18.128–131 (just before Luke icon), 19.132–140(?), 20.141–148, 21.149–156, 22.157–164, 23.165–175(??). There seem to be the regular 8-leaf quires throughout except when the quire has portions of more than one Gospel. And on a couple of occasions, the quires seem to include more than 8 leaves. The quires with more than 8 leaves come right after the beginning of a Gospel in two instances: Mark, Luke. All anomalies are italicized.*

¹ Italics indicate that leaf count is more or less than 8 leaves per quire.

Text: Text starts on leaf 4 (first old parchment leaf), which begins with κεφαλαια.

Notable features:

Leaves are foliated in pencil.

Leather on wood boards, two clasps, still functional. Right-facing eagles embossed in the leather on front and back covers. W 140 originally called W 138. Date guessed in inside front cover is 16th century. Note on inside front cover: “signature of artist on miniature of St. John.”

MS gets progressively wavier as you go through. It is also very tightly bound.

Leaf count is accurate

1–3a: κεφαλαια for Matthew, hypothesis.

3b: icon of Matthew; somewhat unusual in that it does not take up the whole page

4a–52a: Matthew

52b: hypothesis for Mark?

53a: κεφαλαια

53b—icon of Mark; somewhat unusual in that it does not take up the whole page, though it does seem larger than Matthew icon

54a–81b: Mark

81ab: Mark 16.9–20. Mark 16.8 ends a line (with just -βουντο γαρ), followed by a long blank space. 16.9 starts on the next line. There is no other line in all of Mark (nor, I think, in the whole codex) that has only a little material at the beginning of the line. Many lines also begin, in smaller font, with εν καιρω εκεινω, indicating the beginning of a lection. This does not occur at 16.9, nor is there a Eusebian canon number in the margin.

81b–82a: hypothesis for Luke?

82a–83a: κεφαλαια for Luke

83a: icon of Luke (unusual in that it is on the recto rather than facing the scriptures, and because it has the κεφαλαια above it; it is a *half* page icon).

83b–131a: Luke

96b–98b: new quire starts on 97a, different hand through 98b, top third. Then, first hand takes over again.

105a: extensive marginal note

123a: child’s handwriting across the top (second time in this MS)

131b: κεφαλαια for John, hypothesis (?)

132ab: icon of John on 132b. Almost full page size (like Mark; Luke is half page and shares page with text; Matt is three-fourths page but no text), but unlike all other icons no text is on the reverse side.

133a–167b: John

144: It looks like the wax burned holes in the leaf. These do not appear to be scalper’s holes. There are 8 of them, with two more almost ready to be completed.

145b–146a: PA with απηλθεν instead of επορευθη.

167b–175b: lectionary apparatus

176ab: binding leaf from a different MS, inserted upside down. Christian, but not biblical.

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