

The New Testament was originally written in Greek, using all capital letters and no spaces!

Here is the name Zacchaeus in Greek: ΖΑΚΧΑΙΟΣ

Use the key to write down the letters using our alphabet:

Here is Jesus in Greek: ΙΗΣΟΥΣ

In our alphabet that would be: _____

(Greek doesn't have a J!)

Now try to write your own name: _____

(If it doesn't have a letter that you need, choose the closest one or one that you think would look or sound neat. I'd use a K or S for C, an I for a Y, and so on.)

Now see if you can figure out who or what these New Testament names, places, and nouns are!

(These are REALLY hard. If you get stuck, don't worry about it!!!) (Or go find someone who knows a bit of Greek!)

GREEK IN OUR LETTERS HOW WE SPELL IT

PLACES:

ΡΟΜΗ

ROME

Rome

ΗΕΡΙΧΩ

(from our story today)

ΙΕΡΟΣΟΛΥΜΑ

(try adding a "J" to the front!)

ΑΘΗΝΑΙΣ

(still a big city today)

NAMES:

ΜΑΡΚΟΝ

ΛΟΥΚΑΝ

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΝ

ΠΕΤΡΟΣ

(that one's tricky!)

OTHER NOUNS:

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

ΒΑΠΤΙΣΜΑ

ΣΥΝΑΓΩΓΗ

ΑΓΓΕΛΟΣ

(the double G will pronounce as an NG)

GREEK ALPHABET (capital letters)

Α (alpha) = short A

Β (beta) = B

Γ (gamma) = G

Δ (delta) = D

Ε (epsilon) = short E

Ζ (zeta) = Z

Η (eta) = long A

Θ (theta) = TH

Ι (iota) = I (long E sound)

Κ (kappa) = K

Λ (lambda) = L

Μ (mu) = M

Ν (nu) = N

Ξ (ksi) = X

Ο (omicron) = short O

Π (pi) = P

Ρ (rho) = R

Σ (sigma) = S

Τ (tau) = T

Υ (upsilon) = U (oo sound)

Φ (phi) = F

Χ (chi) = KH

Ψ (psi) = PS

Ω (omega) = long O

I REGRET THAT THIS IS NOT ONE OF THE MORE THAN SIX MILLION FORMS OF COMMUNICATION THAT I AM FLUENT IN. I AM OF NO USE TO YOU.

