



Gonzalez Reading/Study Guide



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Diaspora
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[note that Gonzalez may be overly-skeptical in this section. Evidence varies for the historical claims of the many different early traditions. If you are interested, find out what evidence exists for each traditional claim and decide for yourself before you dismiss them as easily as Gonzalez seems to do.]

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[note that there is significant evidence that Gonzalez is incorrect – that John the Apostle is the same person as the elder who wrote Revelation]

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Ignatius of Antioch

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- Anthony's visits to Alexandria
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