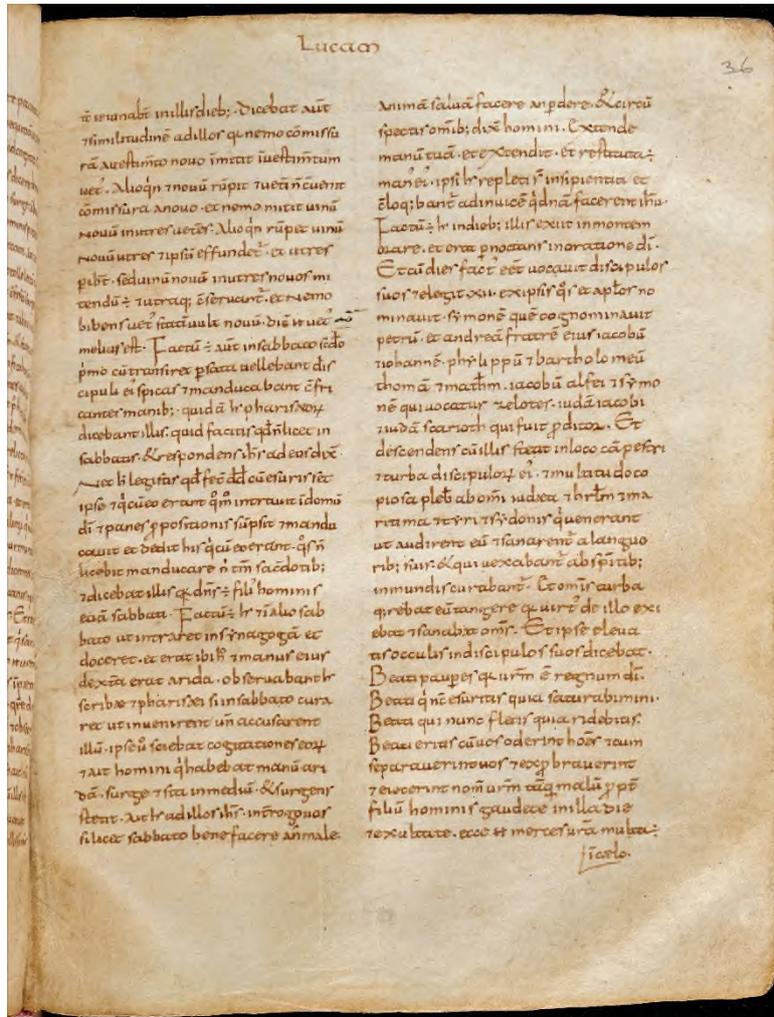


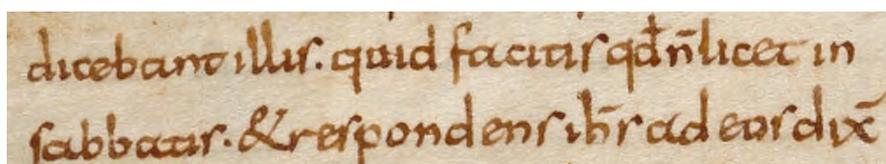
Competition 6: Reading materials

St John's oldest book is this late 9th-century Brittany Gospel, written in a style of handwriting (script) called "Carolingian minuscule". This most important of all scripts was created during the educational reform initiated by Emperor Charlemagne (748-814) as a uniform standard to supersede all "national" scripts. Even today's basic letter forms (except for our round 's') echo this script.



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Can you identify individual letters or even entire words? Try to transcribe the selection below using today's alphabet, and discuss anything you find interesting or noteworthy about this transcription.



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How to enter

1. Complete your competition entry and make sure it follows the guidelines listed below
2. Fill out the [Competition Cover Sheet](#)
3. Email your entry and your cover sheet to us at inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk

Terms & Conditions

1. You must complete the [Competition Cover Sheet](#) and submit it along with your entry to inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk before the closing date. If we do not receive a completed cover sheet with your entry, we will NOT be able to consider the entry.
2. The competition closes at **5pm on 1 March 2021**.
3. The work you submit must be entirely your own, and should be 500 words or less.
4. Competition entries from pupils in Year 10 will be evaluated separately from pupils in Year 11.
5. Competition winners will be contacted via email about two weeks after the competition's closing date. Two sets of the following prizes will be awarded:
 - a. 1st place: £20 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - b. 2nd place: £10 Amazon gift voucher, entry listed on Inspire Digital
 - c. Up to 5 top entries: entry listed on Inspire Digital