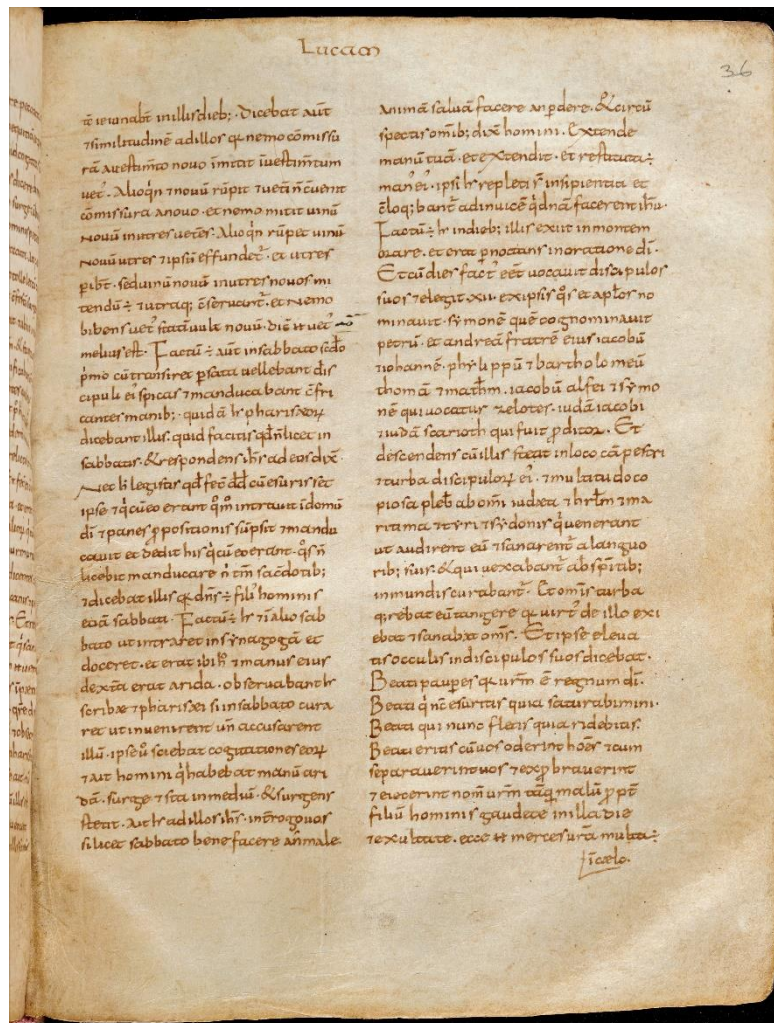


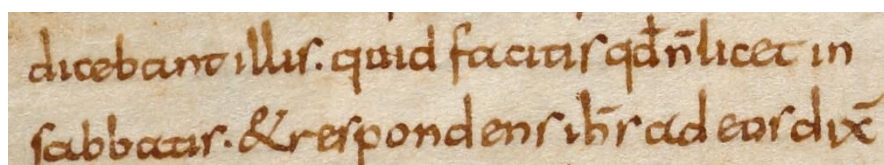
### Competition 11: Carolingian minuscule

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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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](mailto:inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk)

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2. The competition closes at **5pm on Wednesday 3 February 2021**.
3. The work you submit must be entirely your own and must be 300 words or less.
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