

# A SECOND EPISTLE OF IGNATIUS TO ST JOHN

by Ignatius of Antioch

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*A letter attributed to Ignatius of Antioch addressed to the Apostle John, one of the epistles associated with the early church father who was martyred in Rome around 108 AD. Part of the broader collection of Ignatian correspondence from the sub-apostolic period.*

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## His friend Ignatius to John the holy presbyter.

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[1387] If thou wilt give me leave, I desire to go up to Jerusalem, and see the faithful [1388] saints who are there, especially Mary the mother, whom they report to be an object of admiration and of affection to all. For who would not rejoice to behold and to address her who bore the true God from her [1389] own womb, provided he is a friend of our faith and religion? And in like manner [I desire to see] the venerable James, who is surnamed Just, whom they relate to be very like Christ Jesus in appearance, [1390] in life, and in method of conduct, as if he were a twin-brother of the same womb. They say that, if I see him, I see also Jesus Himself, as to all the features and aspect of His body. Moreover, [I desire to see] the other saints, both male and female. Alas! why do I delay? Why am I kept back? Kind [1391] teacher, bid me hasten [to fulfil my wish], and fare thou well. Amen.

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