

## STEP 2 HANDOUTS



The earliest papyrus fragment, of a gospel. On handwriting evidence, it is generally dated at around 125 AD, the time of the Roman emperor Hadrian, who built Hadrian's Wall. The passages are from John 18.31-33 and 18.35-37. It is on display in the Rylands Library, Manchester.

Archaeologists have found what is likely to have been Peter's house in Capernaum. In the reconstruction it is the one without a roof.

My guess is that Jesus was talking in the open courtyard, which had a light roof of branches and leaves to keep off the sun, and it is this the four friends of the paralysed men broke through.

The crowd spread outside the outer gate which is why the four men could not get near Jesus in an orthodox way.

52. Isometric view of the Insula Sacra at the time of Jesus.



