

## Codex 2882

Codex 2882 is a Greek manuscript of Luke's Gospel. The manuscript, which is only 46 leaves (92 pages), was previously owned by a man who came from Greece to America in the early decades of the twentieth century. After he died, the manuscript was purchased by a rare book and manuscript store in Pennsylvania. It was then purchased in 2005 by the Center for the Study of New Testament Manuscripts ([www.csntm.org](http://www.csntm.org)). The manuscript was registered with the Institut für neutestamentliche Textforschung (the Institute for New Testament Textual Research) in Münster, Germany in January 2008 and given the number 2882.

The codex is a 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> century manuscript, relatively early as far as Greek New Testament manuscripts go. The passage in the photograph is from Luke 1:21-34. The opening line is the first part of verse 21: "Now the people were waiting for Zechariah." The last line of this page says, "And his kingdom will never end" (verse 33). This is followed by the first word of verse 34, "said" (as in "Mary said").

The image shows the "hair side" of the parchment. The sides of the animal skin were typically matched for aesthetic reasons so that facing pages would either be hair side (outside of the animal) or flesh side. The hair follicles are clearly visible in the image.

This photograph is numbered \_\_\_\_\_ of 500.