

Another example is Abram when he met Melchizedek, the Holy Bible says Melchizedek “was the priest of Most High God” (Genesis 14:18). How did he become a priest and how did he know what to do, the Holy Bible was not written yet to tell them how important priests are or what priest should do. Abram and Melchizedek knew about priests from Tradition, they followed what God told the people before them to do. Today in our Church, we also have priests and we obey them just as Abram did.

St. Jude the apostle mentioned in his epistle about the dispute between Archangel Michael and Satan regarding Moses' body. That story was never mentioned in the Old Testament. **St. Jude knew about it from the Tradition.**



St. John the apostle wrote in his letter “having many things to write to you I did not wish to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.” 2 John

ST. PAUL COMMANDED THAT TRADITION SHOULD BE PRESERVED:

- “Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.” 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- “But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us.” 2 Thessalonians 3:6
- “Now I praise you brethren that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions as I delivered them to you” 1 Corinthians 11:2
- Our Lord Jesus Christ said “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel” Mark 1:15.

The Holy Bible does not tell us everything. If the Holy Bible mentioned everything that our Lord Jesus Christ did or said it would be too big. The people who wrote the books of the Holy Bible chose only some of the things our Lord Jesus Christ did. Even though not everything is written we know enough to believe “that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God” (John 20:31).

TRADITION KEEPS OUR FAITH STRONG AND IT IS PASSED ON FROM OUR PARENTS TO US AND ONE DAY YOU WILL TELL YOUR CHILDREN THE TRADITION OF OUR COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH, MAKING YOU A PART OF OUR CHURCH'S TRADITION!