For Immediate Release: HarperOne to Publish THE DIATESSARON OF TATIAN Ancient Text Sheds Light on the History of the Early Church and the Life and Death of Jesus San Francisco, CA — March 17, 2015, HarperOne announced today that it is publishing the ancient text THE DIATESSARON OF TATIAN in eBook—only format. The DIATESSARON was a major source for the story of the life of Christ until the 6th Century CE when it fell into obscurity and the four gospels took its place in the order of the New Testament.

This new translation of THE DIATESSARON OF TATIAN presents a reader—friendly version of the complete account of Jesus's life and teachings for over three centuries, as well as a crucial link to the early history of the church and Christian doctrine, while glossing some of the chronological questions introduced by the four Gospels.

"Anyone interested in early Christian history and the composition of the New Testament are likely to be excited by this new low-priced eBook of THE DIATESSARON OF TATIAN," says Mark Tauber, Senior Vice President and Publisher of HarperOne. "We're confident that interest in this ancient text will be ignited by the highly anticipated novel "The Fifth Gospel" by Ian Caldwell which centers on The Diatessaron.

Composed in the 2nd century CE, the Diatessaron is Tatian's combination of the texts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John into one comprehensive timeline of Jesus's life. Tatian the Assyrian, an obscure but highly controversial theologian. In the Diatessaron, Tatian aims to fill in the gaps left by the traditional four gospels. This original translation by the Reverend Hope W. Hogg, B.D. preserves Tatian's chronology and provides access to the little–known ancient text and a crucial link to the early Church and the life and death of Jesus.

Tatian was a 2nd-century Christian theologian, missionary, and ascetic. Born in Assyria, he converted to Christianity and joined the early Church in Rome. After his expulsion from the church, he spent the rest of his life serving as a missionary to the pagans of the Euphrates region. The DIATESSARON, one of his only surviving writings, was the most popular account of Christ's life for three centuries and replaced the original four gospels.

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