St. John from the Franco-Saxon Gospels 850 AD.
With Rome in deterioration and the Byzantine Empire slowly growing in the East, western Europe struggled for almost a millennium. The period from approximately 500 to 1400 is known as the Middle Ages, Dark Ages or the Medieval era. For the average citizen daily life in the Middle Ages was filled with physical and intellectual poverty, as well as a fear of war, famine and disease.

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