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Session 1
1) Administrative map of Tigray
2) Visited sites in Gulo Mäkäda, Ganta Afäsum
3) Visited sites in Endärta, Kelettä Awle‘alo
Types of Ethiopian manuscripts:

- Four Gospels
- Psalter
- Octateuch
- Synaxarion
- Missal
- Book of the Funeral Ritual
- Miracles of Mary
- Book of the Matrimony Ritual
- Hymnody – manuscripts (different sub-categories)
- Collections of hymns (different sub-categories)
- Lectionaries
Four Gospel manuscripts: 64 total, 50 described.
Dating of the Four Gospel manuscripts:

1) The oldest Four Gospel book (pre 13th-cent.) is represented by a fragment (Luke): was included as fly leave in a late 14th/early 15th century homiliary.

2) 1 ms. dating to the late 14th - 15th cent., and 4 mss. to the 15th century (nos. 3 - 7).

3) 6 mss. dating to the 16th cent. (nos. 8 - 13).

4) 1 ms. dating to the late 16th - early 17th cent. (no. 14), and 3 mss. dating to the 17th cent. (nos. 15 - 17).

5) 8 mss. dating to the 18th cent. (nos. 18-24, 26).

6) 14 mss. dating to the late 18th - 19th cent. (nos. 25, 27-39).

7) The rest of the mss. date into the later period (late 19th-20th cent.).
Distribution of text quires in selected Four Gospel manuscripts:

**MY-008** (19+A): A / 3 - 1 / 5 - 1 / 6 - 1 / **8 - 16**

**UM-027** (35): 2 - 2 / 5 - 1 / 6 - 2 / 7 - 5 / **8 - 21** / 9 - 1 / 10 – 3

**QSM-003** (27): 1 - 1 / 3 - 2 / 5 - 2/ 6 - 4/ 7 - 1 / **8 - 17**

**DMS-002** (33): 4 - 1 / 6 - 3/ 7 - 1 / **8 - 26**

**MA-001** (31): 4 - 2 / 6 - 3 / 8 - 2 / 9 - 1 / **10 - 23**

**AP-003** (32): 2 - 1 / 3 - 1 / 4 - 2 / 6 - 7 / 7 - 1 / **8 - 19** / 10 - 1

* The first number indicates the number of folia, the second in the number of occurrences.
Distribution of 676 text quires in 48 Four Gospel manuscripts:

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Use of a template while cutting the skin

MY-008: quire XI, 8 (fols. 76r-83v), the incipit of Luke (the “Tituli” for Luke remain in quire X, together with the end of Mark; the blank fols. of quire X are filled with Additiones): h76f – f77h – h78f – f79h – V – h80f – f81h – h82f – f83h
QSM-003: quire XV, 8 (fols. 95ra-102v), the incipit of Luke (the “Tituli” of Luke remain in quire XIV, together with the frontispiece miniature, which occupies v-side of the last folio of quire XIV, r-side left blank): h95f – f96h – h97f – f98h – V – h99f – f100h – h101f – f102h
QDS-003: quire XII, 8 (fols. 83r-90v), the Gospel of Luke starts only in fol. 86r (the 4th leaf of the quaternion), on the hair-side of the folium which faces the flesh-side of fol. 85 (the scribe arranged fol. 86 contrary to the “Gregory rule”, to start writing on its hair side):
h83f – f84h – h85f – \textbf{h86f} – \textbf{f87h} – f88h – h89f – f90h
Numbering of the quires:
MA-001, quire II.
MR-032, quire VII; BMQ-004, quire III.
MY-008: three navigation systems in fol. 28r:
- name of the chapter (Mt. 25 „On John [the Baptist] and Herode“)
- name of the church feast (Commemoration of the Martyrdom of John the Baptist, 11 September), the main annual feast of the church
- coloured (green) thread inserted in the corner of the folium
Ruling system in the regular text quires: 1A-1A-1A1A / 0-0/ C
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MY-008: Canon tables, fols. 5v-6r.
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QSM-003: “frame(s)”
MHG-004: Canon tables, fols. 19v-20r ("complex grid")
MHG-004: Canon tables, fols. 19v-20v (elements of the "complex grid")
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