

Types of Manuscripts

Papyrus = Autographs - about the 8th Century
Mostly “amatures” or “non-scriptora” productions
Mostly proto-Alexandrian and Alexandrian Type

Uncials = mid-2nd Century - 11th Century
Some “amatures” but mostly Scriptora productions
Heavily Aleandrian early on, progressively more Byzantine as time went on.

Miniscules = 9th Century -- 16th Century
Mostly Scriptora Productions
Mostly Byzantine, though some interesting Alexandrian Type examples exist.

The majority of our Manuscripts are Byzatine Miniscules post 10th Century AD
Most of our earliest are either Alexandrian or are more like the Alexandrian mss than Byzantine
The earliest Byzantine manuscripts have FEWER Byzantine readings than the later ones.

Alexandranus is an example of a manuscript that, in the Gospels, is Byzantine but less-so than Manuscript Pi, which dates to the 9th Century. For instance:

In the Gospels, Alexandranus has **151** variant readings that agree with the Byzantine Type
And **18** variants that agree with the Alexandrian Type
And **15** variants that are unique to it

In the Gospels, Pi has **190** variant readings that agree with the Byzantine Type
And **11** variants that agree with the Alexandrian Type
And **18** variants that are unique to it