

οὗτος / αὕτη / τοῦτο

Meaning:

- These or this
- This one, this person, this thing
- They or he or she or it

Demonstrative pronoun.

οὗτος usually refers to something close to the speaker — “this” as opposed to ἐκεῖνος (“that”).

- οὗτος → “this one right here”
- ἐκεῖνος → “that one over there”

It can refer to:

- What is near physically: οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος — “this man” ([John 9:16](#) plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big [John 9:16](#))

Greek ἔλεγον οὖν ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων τινές· οὐκ ἔστιν οὗτος παρὰ θεοῦ ὁ ἄνθρωπος, ὅτι τὸ σάββατον οὐ τηρεῖ. ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· πῶς δύναται ἄνθρωπος ἁμαρτωλὸς τοιαῦτα σημεῖα ποιεῖν; καὶ σχίσμα ἦν ἐν αὐτοῖς. ESV Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them....)

- What was just mentioned: καὶ τοῦτο ἐστίν... — “and this is...” ([1 John 5:11](#) plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big [1 John 5:11](#))

Greek καὶ αὕτη ἐστὶν ἡ μαρτυρία, ὅτι ζωὴν αἰώνιον ἔδωκεν ἡμῖν ὁ θεός, καὶ αὕτη ἡ ζωὴ ἐν τῷ υἱῷ αὐτοῦ ἐστίν. ESV And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. NIV And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. NLT And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son....)

- What is about to be mentioned: τοῦτο λέγω... — “this I say...” ([1 Corinthians 15:50](#) plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big [1 Corinthians 15:5](#))

Greek καὶ ὅτι ὤφθη Κηφᾷ, ἔπειτα τοῖς δώδεκα· ESV and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. NIV and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. NLT He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. KJV And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:)

There are a number of idiomatic expressions that involve οὗτος:

- ἐν τούτῳ — “in this / by this” (very common in John’s letters), e.g. ἐν τούτῳ γινώσκομεν... — “By this we know...” ([1 John 4:9](#) plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_big [1 John 4:9](#))

Greek ἐν τούτῳ ἐφανερώθη ἡ ἀγάπη τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν ἡμῖν, ὅτι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἀπέσταλκεν ὁ θεὸς εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα ζήσωμεν δι’ αὐτοῦ. ESV In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. NIV This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him....)

- διὰ τοῦτο — “because of this / therefore”, e.g. διὰ τοῦτο ἦλθεν ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου... — “For

this reason the Son of Man came..." ([Matthew 18:11](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigMatthew 18:11

Greek ESV NIV See Footnote NLT KJV For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. ---

Matthew 18:10 <- Matthew 18:11 -> Matthew 18:12

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- μετὰ ταῦτα — “after these things”, e.g. μετὰ ταῦτα ἦν ἑορτὴ τῶν Ἰουδαίων — “After these things there was a feast of the Jews” ([John 5:1](#)plugin-autotooltip__default plugin-autotooltip_bigJohn 5:1

Greek Μετὰ ταῦτα ἦν ἡ ἑορτὴ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ ἀνέβη Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. ESV After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. NIV Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. NLT Afterward Jesus returned to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish holy days.)

Forms

Form	Gender	Case	Meaning
οὗτος	Masculine	Nominative Singular	this (man/thing)
αὕτη	Feminine	Nominative Singular	this (woman/thing)
τοῦτο	Neuter	Nominative/Accusative Singular	this (thing)

Singular Declension

Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative Singular	οὗτος	αὕτη	τοῦτο
Genitive Singular	τούτου	ταύτης	τούτου
Dative Singular	τούτῳ	ταύτῃ	τούτῳ
Accusative Singular	τοῦτον	ταύτην	τοῦτο

Plural Declension

Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative Plural	οὗτοι	αὗται	ταῦτα
Genitive Plural	τούτων	τούτων	τούτων
Dative Plural	τούτοις	ταύταις	τούτοις
Accusative Plural	τούτους	ταύτας	ταῦτα

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