



**Dominique Bouhours**  
***Vie de S. François Xavier, Apôtre des Indes et du Japon***  
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This book is a biography of Francisco Xavier (1506-1552), who landed in Kagoshima in 1549 (the 18th year of the Tembun Era) and was the first missionary to preach Christianity in Japan.

The author, Dominique Bouhours (1628-1702) was a French Jesuit. In addition to books on religion, he also wrote books on literature, grammar and criticism.

This biography describes Xavier's early years, the foundation of the Society of Jesus, his missionary work in India, his meeting with a Japanese man in Malacca, his missionary work in Japan and his death during a trip to China, in six chapters.

The first edition of this book was published in Paris in 1682. Between that time and the mid-19th century, dozens of editions were published and it was translated into many other languages. The book on display was published in 1834. The text is in French, and there are two volumes in all.