

Session 4

What Did the Church Do to the Bible?

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THE NON-CANONICAL “GOSPELS” (*con’t*)

2.) Contrast (*con’t*):

- b.) Historical Gospels (*con’t*)
 - vi.) Written in the first century.

3.) Fundamentally different message.

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2.) Contrast (*con’t*):

- b.) Historical Gospels
 - i.) Very early manuscripts; some early extensive manuscripts.

ii.) Very early external references.

iii.) For every part, many witnesses available.

iv.) No need to rely on early translations.

v.) Detailed discussions possible.

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2.) Contrast between historical and non-historical gospels:

- a.) Non-historical gospels
 - i.) Early fragments for some, but often not more than fragments.

 - ii.) Some of the text for most, but only most of the text for some.

 - iii.) Episodes with continuing text, but also many holes, gaps, and missing parts.

 - iv.) For some text available in Greek and Coptic, some only in translation.

 - v.) No detailed discussion possible.

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THE NON-CANONICAL “GOSPELS”

1.) Which are there?

- a.) Gospel of Judas, of Philip, of Thomas

- b.) Gospel of Mary, of Peter, of Thomas the Contender, Wisdom of Jesus Christ, Dialogue of the Saviour

- c.) Others
 - i.) Fragments

 - ii.) Forgeries

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DID EVERYONE FOLLOW THE TEACHING OF THE APOSTLES?

- 1.) Early opposition to the Apostles
Acts 15:1; 1 Corinthians 15:12; Galatians 1:9
2 Timothy 2:17-18; 2 John 7

- 2.) Early false writings
2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

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HOW WAS THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITTEN? (*con't*)

- 2.) What does the Bible say about these stages?
 - a.) The Gospels contain only a selection and summary of the things that happened; John 21:25.
Teaching of the Apostles is described in summary in Acts 2:41-42; 5:42; 15:35; 18:11

 - b.) The teaching of Jesus was “handed down” or “delivered” to the churches by the Apostles.
Luke 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:2; 11:23-25

 - c.) Writing down; John 21:24.
Also 1 Timothy 5:18

 - d.) Copying of the Gospels and the letters;
2 Peter 1:15; 3:15-16

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HOW WAS THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITTEN?

- 1.) Overview
 - a.) Historical events (teaching, parables, miracles, death, and resurrection).

 - b.) Teaching of the Apostles and others (after Easter).

 - c.) Letter writing and teaching.

 - d.) Writing down of the Gospels (teaching, parables, miracles, death and resurrection), letter writing, and preaching.

 - e.) Copying of the Gospels and the letters; memory of the teaching of the Apostles.

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