

## Religious/Historical Writings Studies: “Other” Gospels Rev 0

Beginning November 15, 2023 – Wednesdays @ 2 PM in the Library in Auburn

*“Christoph Markschies suggests that we have lost 85% of Christian literature from the first two centuries- and that includes only the literature we know about.”*

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### **Jesus’s crucifixion ~30-33 CE**

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- 1) **“Q”**
  - a. The Book of Quell – The Lost Gospel: sayings of Jesus
  - b. Reconstruction > from Synoptics
  - c. Importance
    - i. **Egerton** fragment(s)
      1. Origin & similarities/association to synoptics
- 2) **Signs**
  - a. The deeds of Jesus
  - b. Reconstruction > from Synoptics and John
  - c. Proof texts of Divinity for Messianic Jewish groups

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### **Canonical Gospel Development ~ 40 CE to ~ 80 CE**

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- 3) **Thomas**
  - a. Origin/relationship to Synoptics
  - b. Authorship
  - c. Structure/Importance
- 4) **Part 1 - Gnosticism**
  - a. What is this and how does it/or not apply?
  - b. **Mary of Magdala**
    - i. Origin/Authorship
    - ii. Structure/Controversy
  - c. **Judas**
    - i. Origin/Authorship
    - ii. Structure
- 5) **Part 2 – Gnosticism**
  - a. **Philip**
    - i. Origin/Authorship
    - ii. Structure
  - b) **Truth**
    - a. Origin/Authorship
    - b. Structure

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