

Religion Notes

Reactions to Infancy Gospel

- If you Cross him he punishes you
- Not typical look on Jesus
- Knew everything-intelligent
- Power to destroy and heal

*Different picture of Jesus

- Eldest child
- Superhero

Gospel of John

- Proclaims he is from Heaven
- Son of God

"logos"-word

incarnate-taking on flesh
descending, ascending

*Trinity-Father, Son, Holy Spirit

*Christ preexisting Jesus

- Helped create world

*Jesus may or may not be God

Paul-gave significance of death of Jesus

Time Frames

Didache-60-100 CE
Jesus' Death-33 CE
Gospel of Thomas- 50 CE
Paul's Epistles (letters)- 50-60 CE
Sign's Gospel (precursor to John)- 60-80 CE
Mark (earliest)- 1st edition 70 CE
Matthew- 80 CE
Luke- 90 CE
John- 1st 90 CE (youngest)
Mary- 100-150 CE

Who was Jesus

- Jewish Messiah
- Cosmic Savior
- God incarnate
- Gnostic revealer of your true identity
- Superhero child

Gospel of Mary

Esoteric

Vision of talking to God

She had to let them know what she learned from

him

Locked room, he appears, gives teachings

Dispute between Peter and Mary-Peter questions her

What Gospels make it

1. Need to affirm creation is Good
2. Need to affirm incarnation is real
3. Jesus was human
4. Jesus really died

Marcianism

2nd century Christian
Judaism v Christianity

Didache

Teachings of sin and commandments
How to test true prophets
Gradual institutionalization of Christianity
Handbook for new converts

What drew people to Christianity

- Agape (love fest)
- Radical egalitarianism
- Forgiveness of sins
- Eternal life