

THE GOSPELS: CANONICAL & Gnostic, BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

Biblical Hermeneutics:

- (1) literal
- (2) allegorical (Origen, c. 185-254 CE)

Medieval Hermeneutics: Four Senses of Scripture

- (1) literal
- (2) allegorical
- (3) moral (teaching ethical principles)
- (4) heavenly (divinely inspired and mystical)

Gospels:

- (A) Canonical:** (1) Matthew)
(2) Mark) **three Synoptic Gospels**
(3) Luke)
(4) John)

(B) Extracanonial (Apocryphal/Gnostic):

Gospel of Thomas
Gospel of Mary Magdalene
Gospel of Peter
Secret Gospel of Mark
Gospel of Judas Iscariot
Infancy Gospel of Thomas
Infancy Gospel of James

"Q" ("Quelle" – "Source")

Gnostic Christianity vs. Orthodox Christianity

Nag Hammadi