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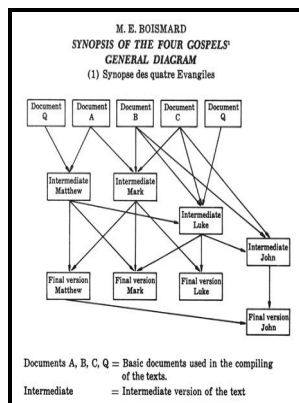
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## HISTORICAL TRUTH OF THE GOSPELS

Instead of the lapse of a millennium or more, as is the case of not a few classical authors, several papyrus manuscripts of portions of the New Testament are extant which were copies within a century or so after the composition of the original documents. The criterion of cultural and historical congruency says that a source is less credible if the account contradicts known historical facts, or if it conflicts with cultural practices common in the period in question. The Oxford dictionary of the Christian church.

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Finally, the apostles had nothing to gain from their message but a life of suffering and death. Direct rule was imposed in 6 CE, with the formation of the.

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Manuscripts became more ornate over the centuries, which developed into a rich tradition, including the famous Irish, the and the. Polycarp, writing in 110-150 AD, makes references to all the gospels. Up until this time, a number of Christians were still part of the Jewish community.

**Historical reliability of the Gospels**

The four canonical gospels were first mentioned between 120 and 150 by , who lived c.

## **HISTORICAL TRUTH OF THE GOSPELS**

When scholars come across manuscript caches, such as at in the the source of the , or Saint Sabbas Monastery outside , they are finding not libraries but storehouses of rejected texts sometimes kept in boxes or back shelves in libraries due to space constraints. It is pretty much agreed they were not eyewitnesses. Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the because they share many stories the technical term is , sometimes even identical wording; finding an explanation for their similarities, and also their differences, is known as the , and most scholars believe that the best solution to the problem is that Mark was the first gospel to be written and served as the source for the other two - alternative theories exist, but create more problems than they solve.

### **Historical reliability of the Gospels**

None of the authors renounced their faith even in the face of death. On its own, however, length alone is an insufficient reason — after all, the Jewish scriptures would continue to be transmitted on scrolls for centuries to come. Later on, legends concerning his divine origin appeared, his father being considered to have been Apollo.

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Mark is a counter-narrative to the myth of Imperial rule crafted by Vespasian. The foundation for this new interpretation of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection are found in the epistles of Paul and in the Book of Acts.

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