

How we got the Bible

New Testament Pseudepigrapha:

(Some of the major ones – about 50 Pseudepigrapha gospels have been cataloged)

- * *Gospel of Thomas* – 140 AD Gnostic** gospel gnosis.org/naghamm/gosthom.html
- * *Gospel of the Ebionites* – 2nd century; denied the deity of Christ, stressed the Law of Moses, were vegetarians
- * *Gospel of Peter* – 2nd century Docetic*** gospel
- * *Protoevangelium of James*
- * *Gospel of the Hebrews* – 2nd century Gnostic gospel
- * *Gospel of the Egyptians* – 2nd century, another Gnostic gospel
- * *Gospel of the Nazaraeans* – 2nd century
- * *Gospel of Philip* – 2nd century Gnostic gospel
- * *The Book of Thomas the Athlete* – a Gnostic gospel condemning the flesh, womanhood and sexuality
- * *Gospel according to Mathias* – another Gnostic gospel
- * *Gospel of Judas* – 3rd century, an 'antinomian' Gnostic gospel
- * *Epistle of an Apostle* – 2nd century
- * *Apocryphon of John* – 2nd century
- * *Gospel of Truth* * *Gospel according to Mary* * *The Infancy Story of Thomas* * *Acts of Peter*

** Gnosticism has some weird beliefs, like all matter is evil but spiritual things are all good (a Greek idea). Also, there is the belief that the god of the Old Testament is evil. Another belief is that since matter is evil, then sex is either evil and shouldn't be practiced, or... since it will disappear in the afterworld, then... it is okay to have sex as much as you want. (!) The Gnostic view of the spiritual universe is very much what we could call a 'New Age' way of seeing things.

New Testament Apocrypha:

- * *Epistle of Pseudo-Barnabas* ~ 70 – 79 AD
- * *Epistle to the Corinthians* ~ 96 AD
- * *2nd Epistle to the Corinthians* ~ 120 – 140 AD
- * *Shepard of Hermas* ~ 115 – 140 AD
- * *Didache or Teaching of the Twelve* ~ 100 – 120 AD
- * *Apocalypse of Peter* ~ 150 AD
- * *Acts of Paul and Thecla* ~ 170 AD
- * *Epistle to the Laodiceans* ~ 4th century
- * *The Gospel according to the Hebrews* ~ 65 – 100 AD
- * *Epistle of Polycarp to the Philippians* ~ 108 AD
- * *Seven Epistles of Ignatius* ~ 110 AD