

Comparing the New Testament Gospels with the Gnostic Gospels

NT Gospels

- Based on OT Prophecy, Theology
- Consistent message
- Verified authors
- Eyewitness accounts
- Written soon after events
- Hundreds of manuscripts for each book
- Accepted by the church universally
- Reliable source for salvation and growth as a disciple

Gnostic Gospels

- Based on Gnostic belief system
- Inconsistent, scattered teachings
- False authors
- No eyewitness accounts
- Written 100 or more years after events
- 1-4 manuscripts per book
- Condemned by the church fathers
- Deceptive source of salvation and spiritual growth

Author	Book	Date Written	Earliest Copies we have	Time Gap	Copies
Homer	Iliad	800 BC	c 400 BC	c 400 years	643
Herodotus	History	480-425 BC	c AD 900	c 1,350 years	8
Plato		400 BC	c AD 900	c.1,300 years	7
Caesar	Gallic Wars	100-44 BC	c. A D 900	c.1,000 years	10
New Testament		AD 50-100	c.AD 114 (fragment) & earlier c. AD 200 (books) c. AD 250 (most of N.T.) c. AD 325 (complete N.T.)	+50 years 100years 150 years 225 years	5366 original lang plus 15,000- translations
Gnostic Gospels	Gospel of Judas Gospel of Thomas and, at the most, 10 others	AD 150-300	c.AD 200-300	+50 years	1-3 1-4