

*Writings of the New Era*

Why did some early church fathers value the “oral tradition” over written documents?

How early did writers link sayings of Jesus with OT scriptures? Why?

What are dominical scriptures? Why should we know about them?

What was the Diatessaron? How was it created? Why is it important? If we read the Diatessaron today, how might that affect our beliefs about Jesus?

What do we know about production(?) or collection(?) of the Pauline corpus? Why should we know Paul’s letters circulated as a collection? What are this “pastoral epistles”? Why are Paul’s letters ordered as they are?

How did Marcion’s “heresy” influence the inclusion of Paul’s epistles in the canon?

*Marcion*

Who was Marcion? When and where did he live? Why did he leave the early church to form his own? What is his attitude toward Paul? Toward the OT? Toward the God of creation and law?

Describe Marcion’s version of holy scriptures. Which gospel does Marcion opt to follow most closely? Why? Why does Marcion cut Luke’s narrative?

What did Marcion do with Paul’s letters?

What are the Marcionite prologues, and what do they add to our knowledge of the canon?