# CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

# The Apologists - Part One Justin Martyr

Lesson 13

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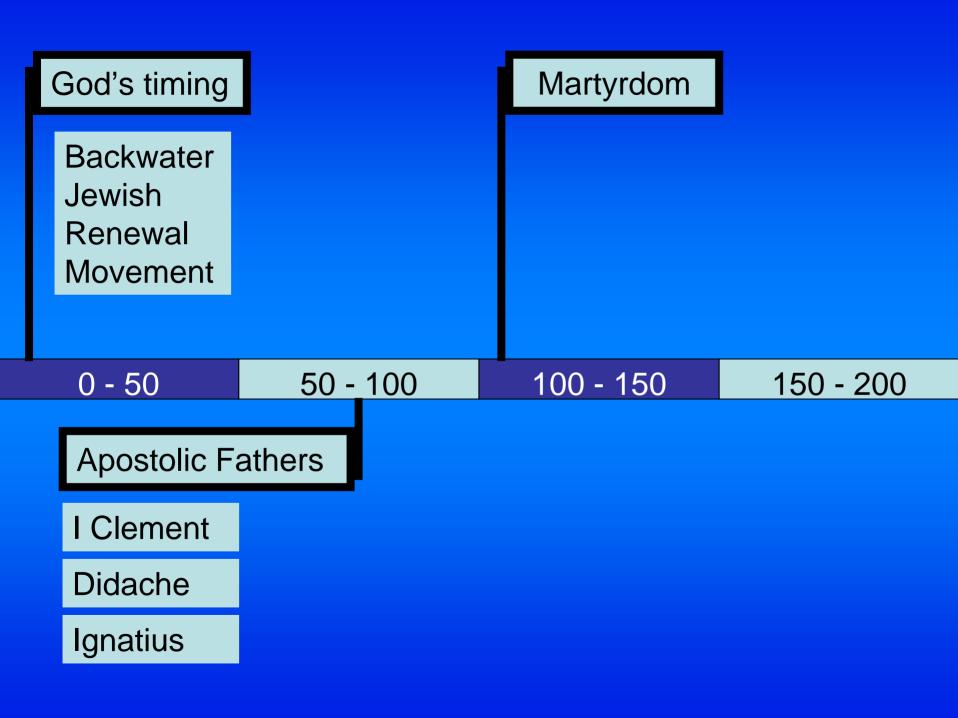
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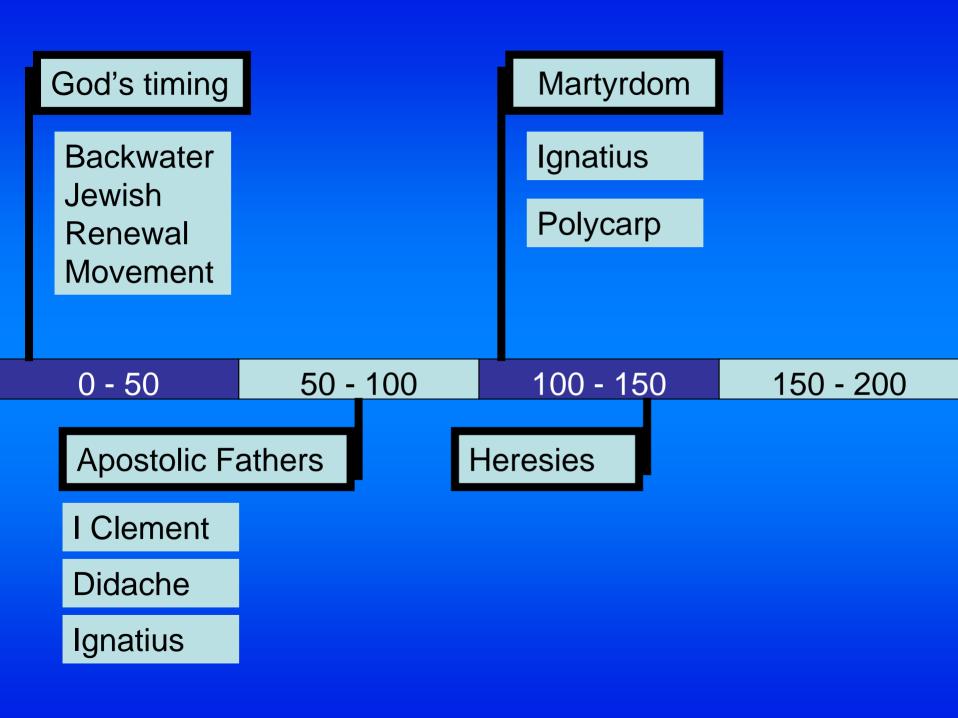
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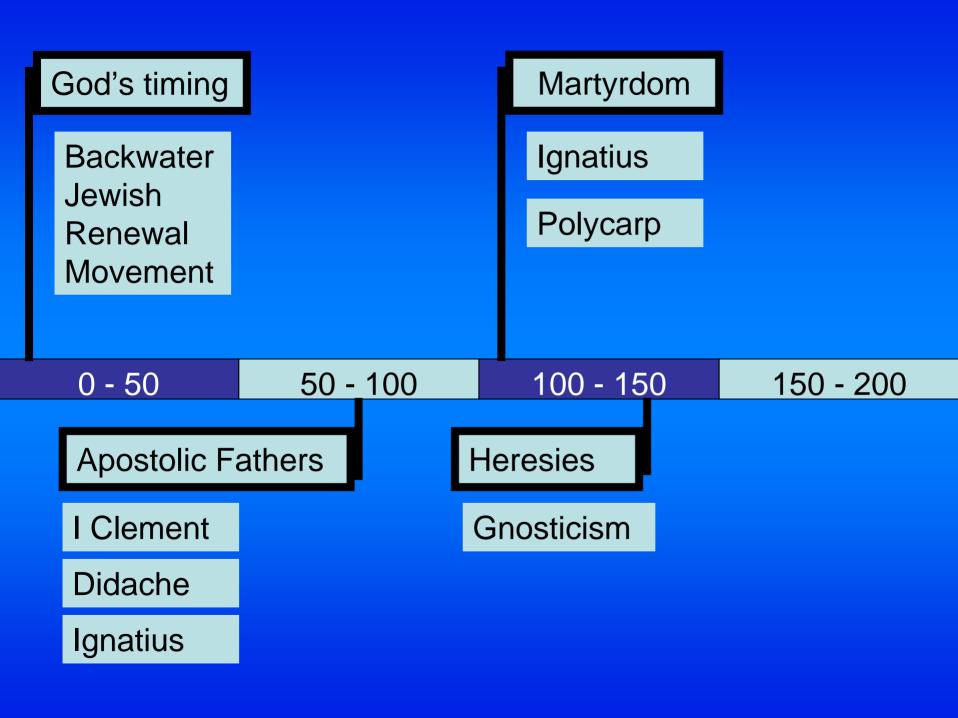
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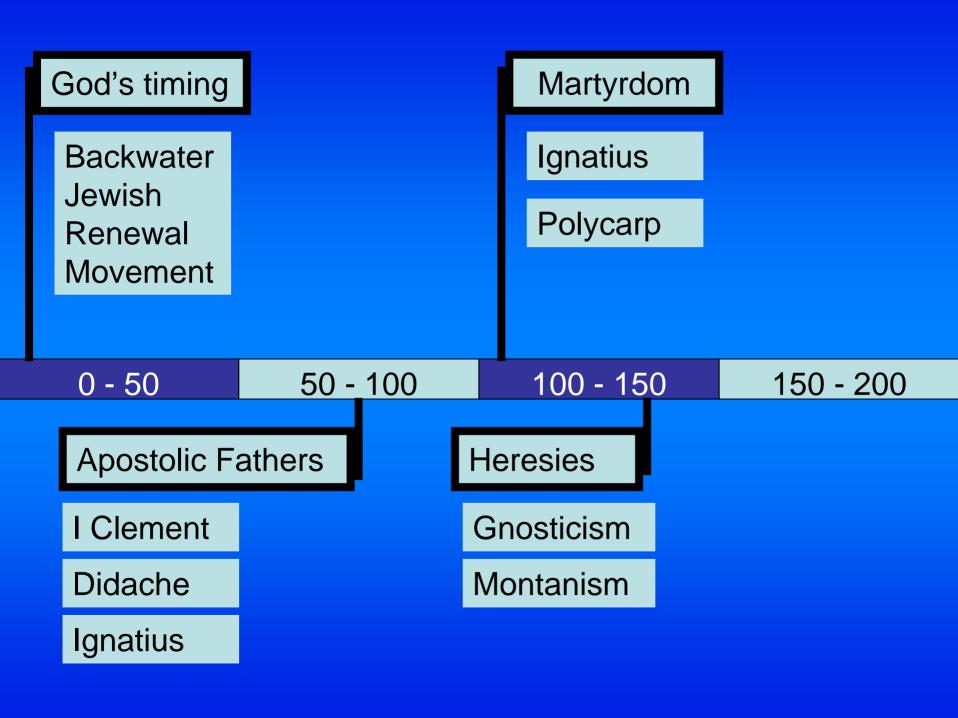


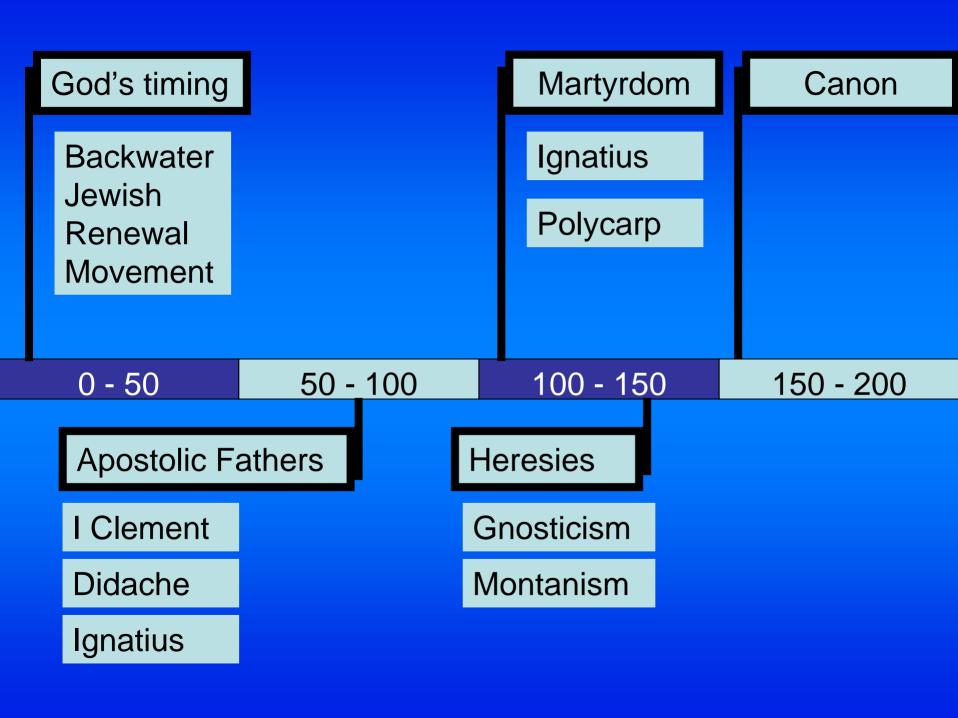
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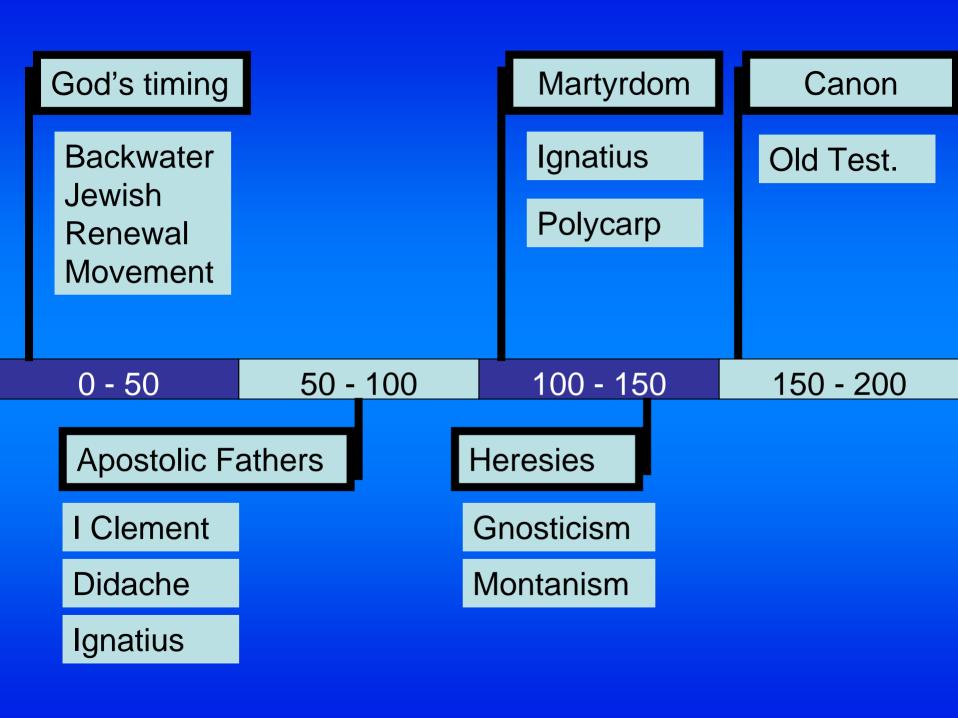
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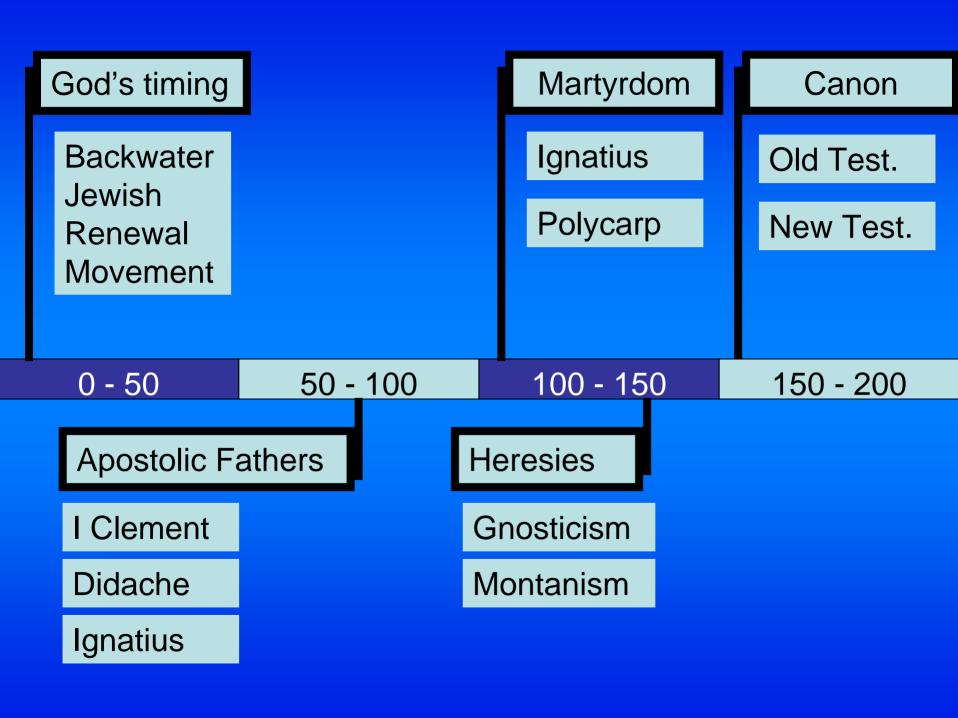


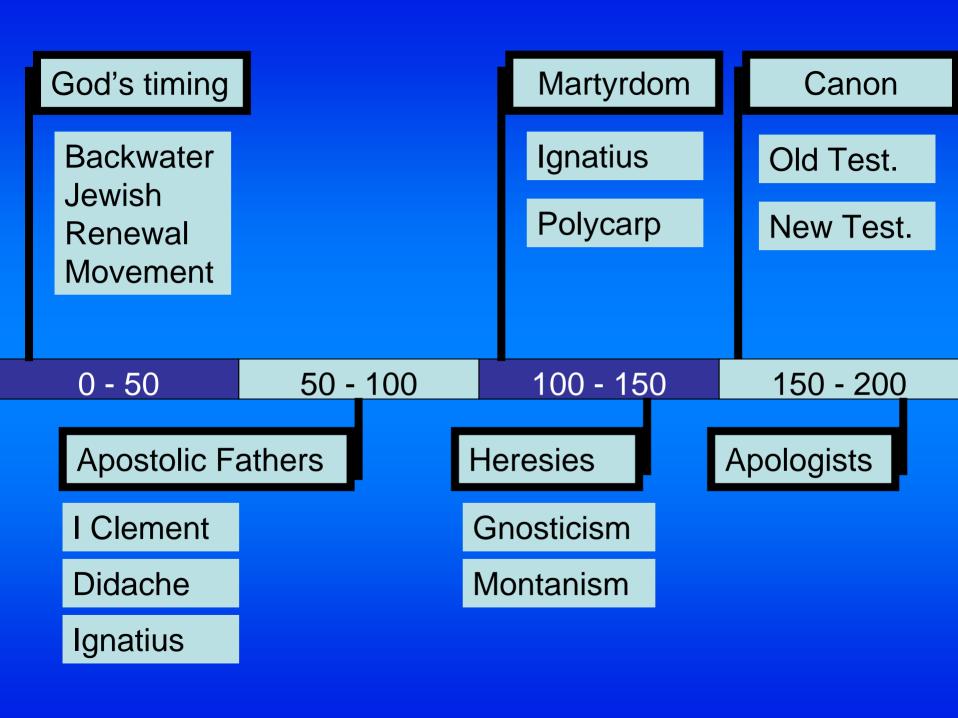


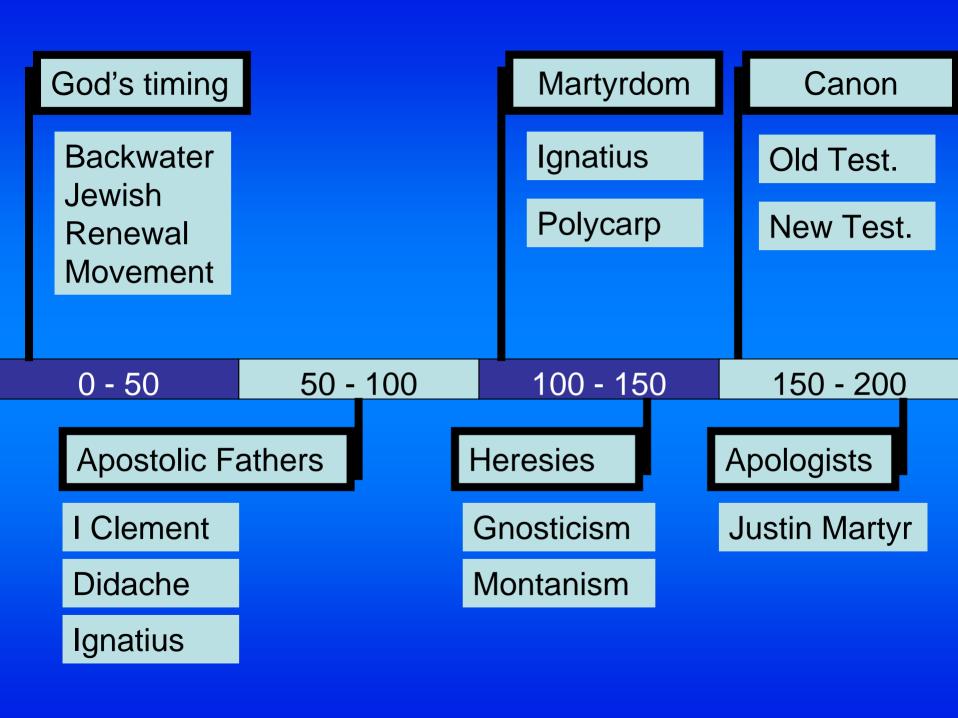


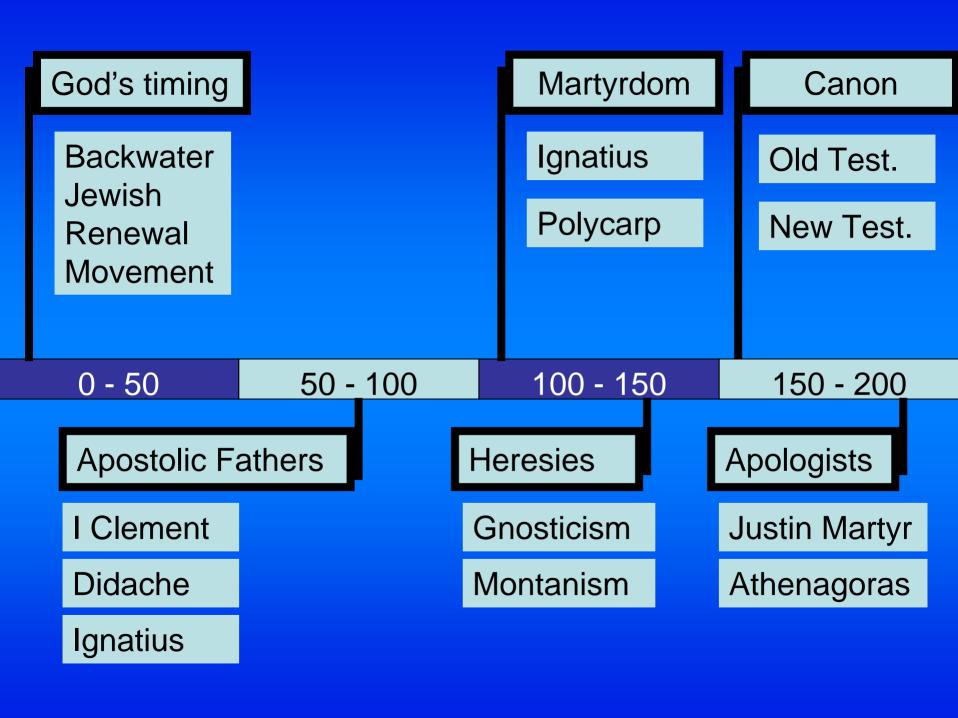


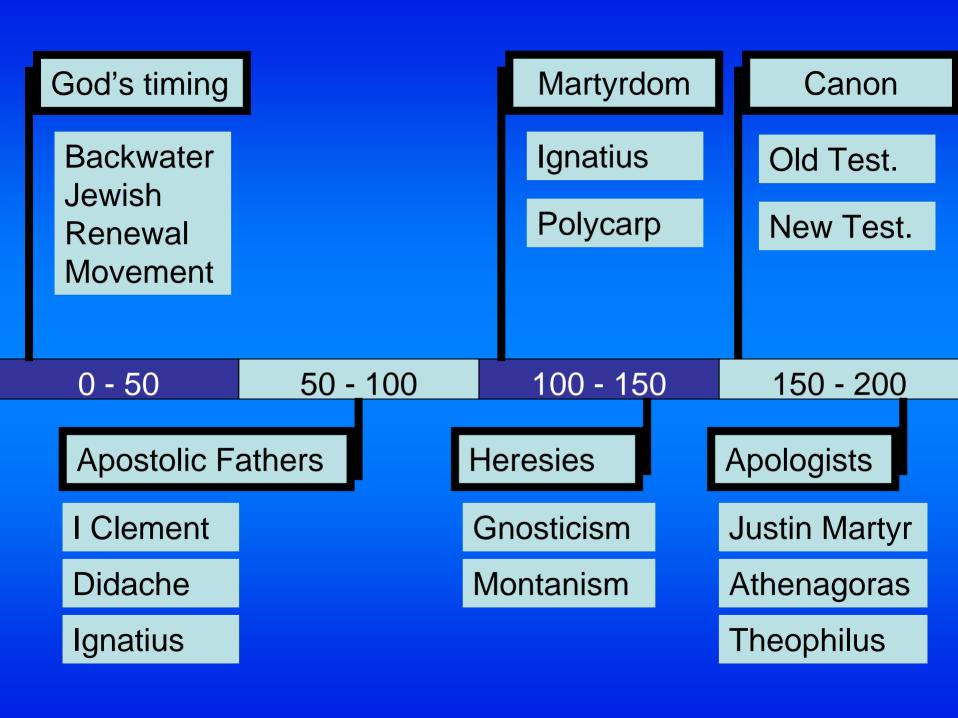


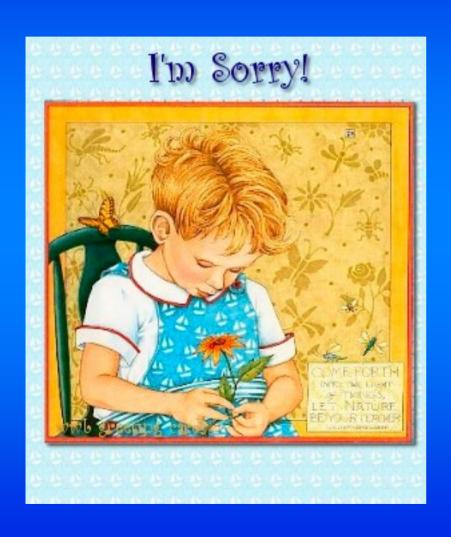


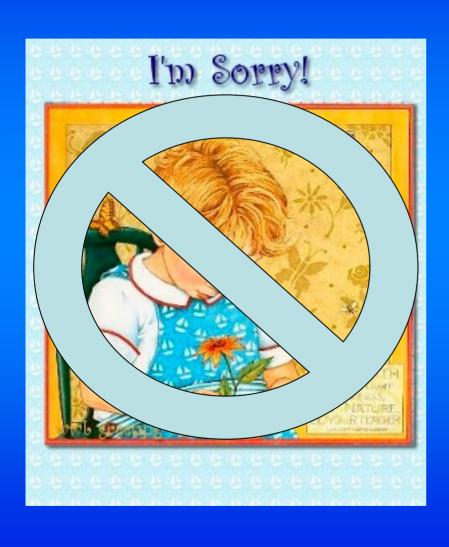












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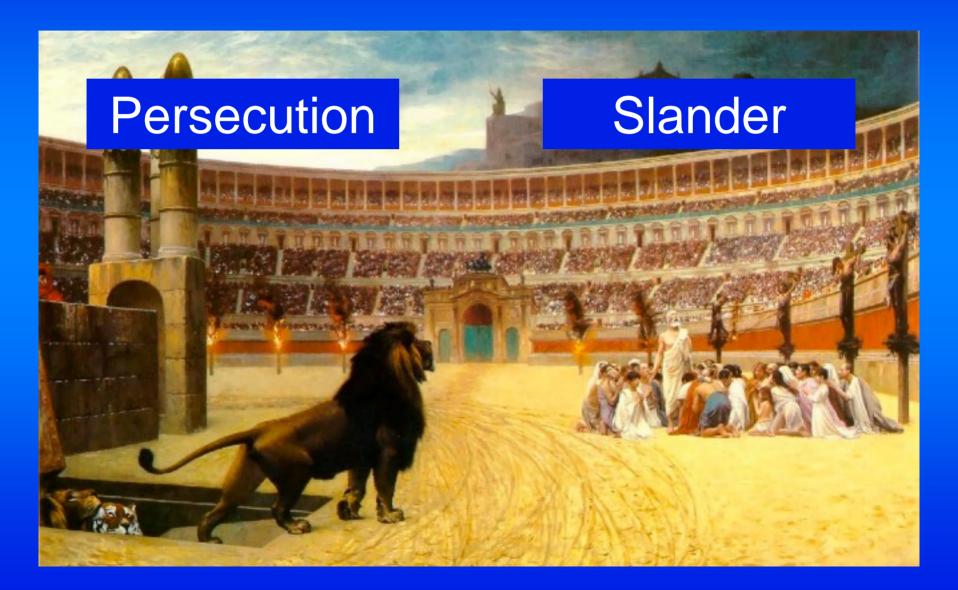
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"A speech in defense"

### Remember the Setting





The church cared about treatment and perception



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The Apologies were also mission efforts!



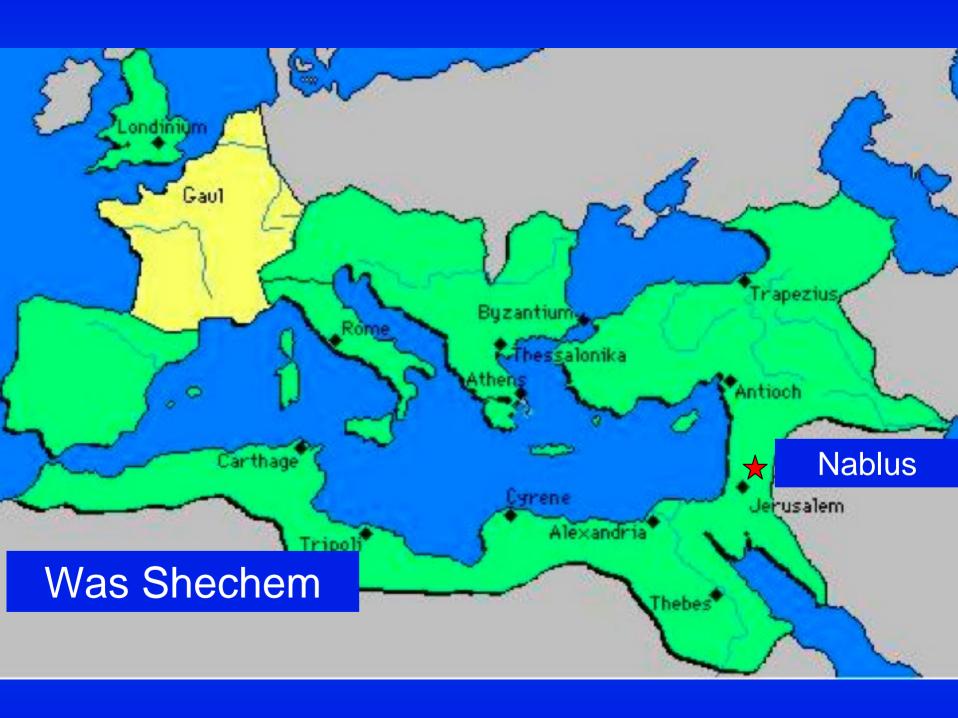
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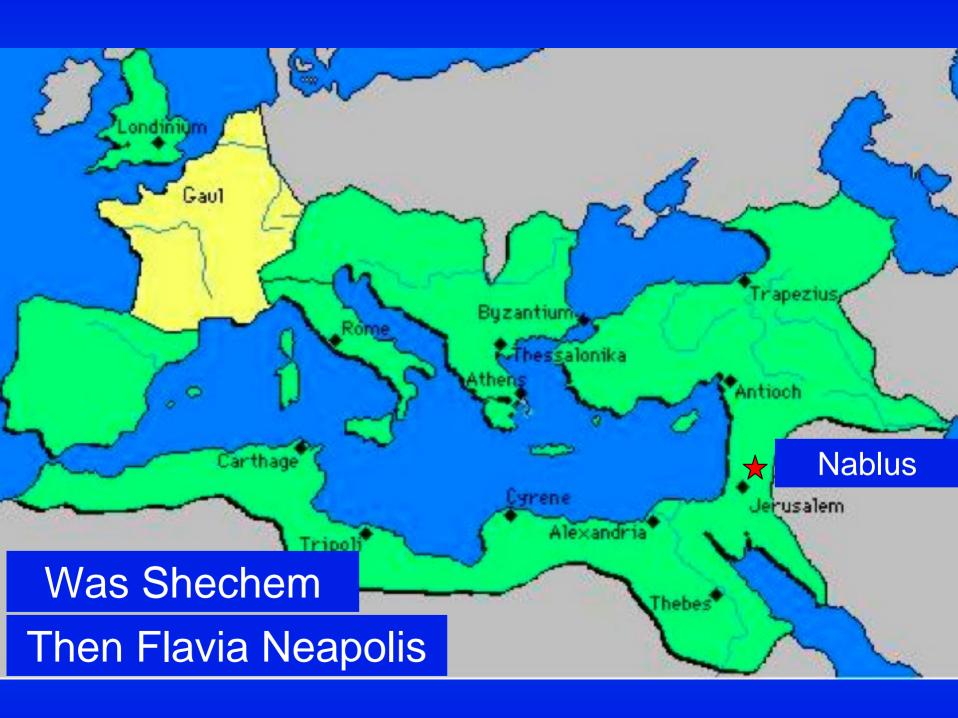


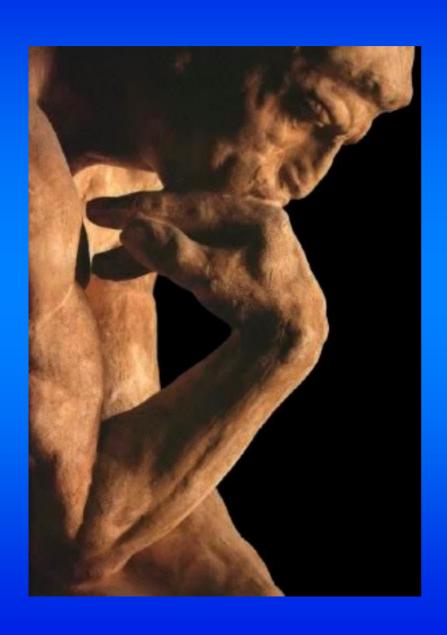


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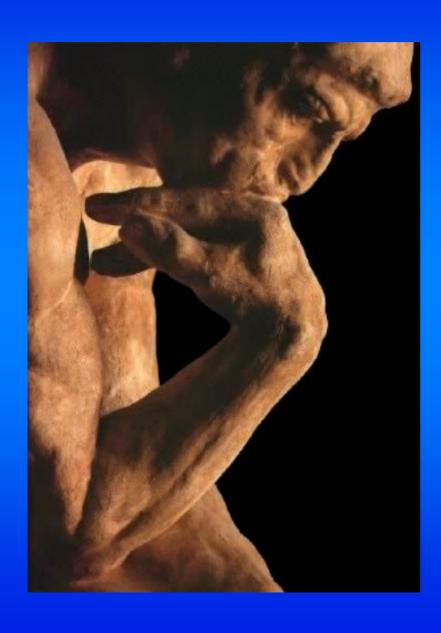




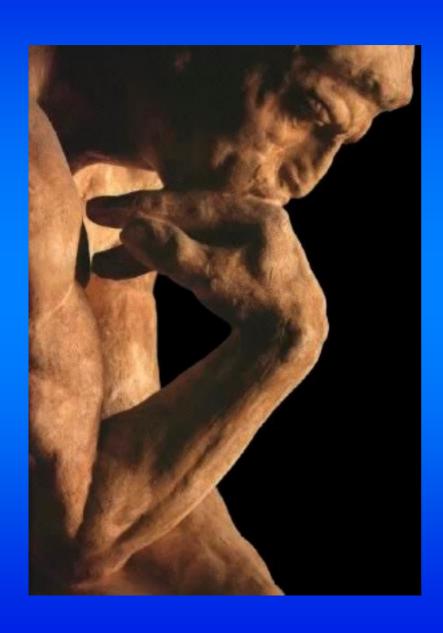




Justin was a philosophy student

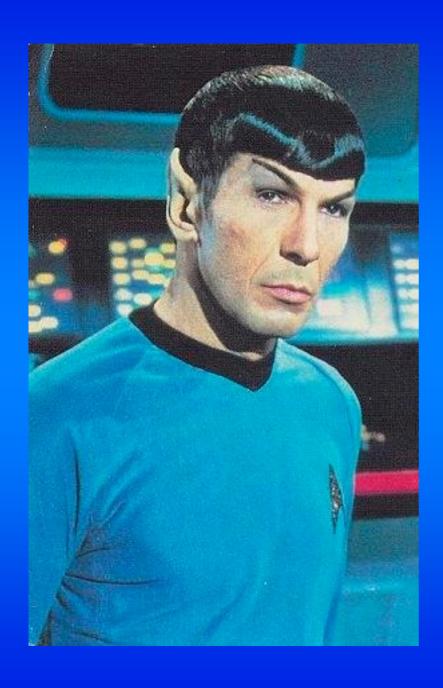


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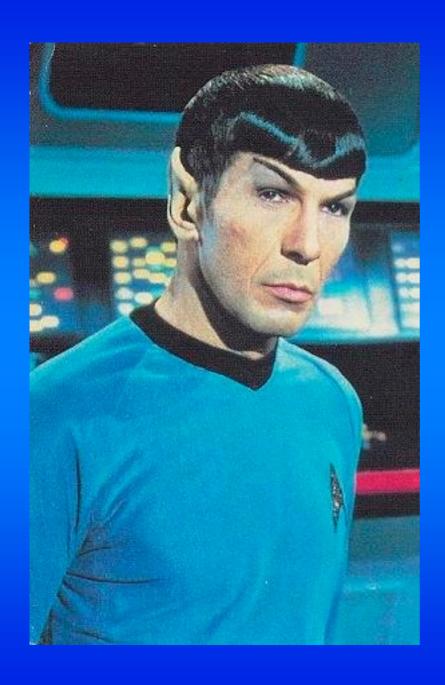


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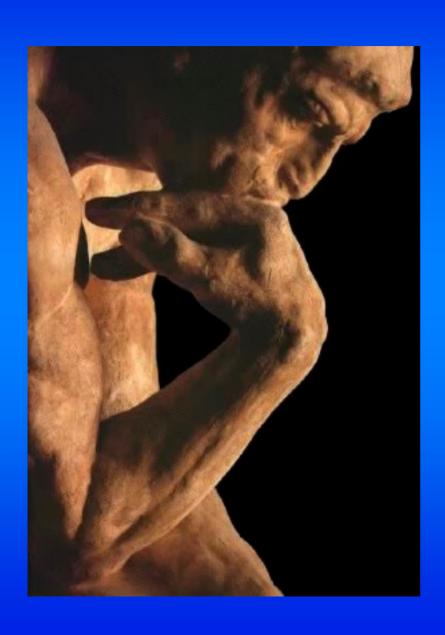




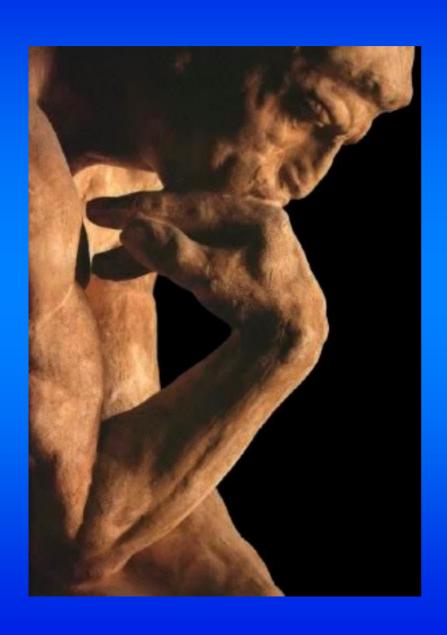
# Have the Stoics figured it out?



Stay numb!



How about the Peripatetics?

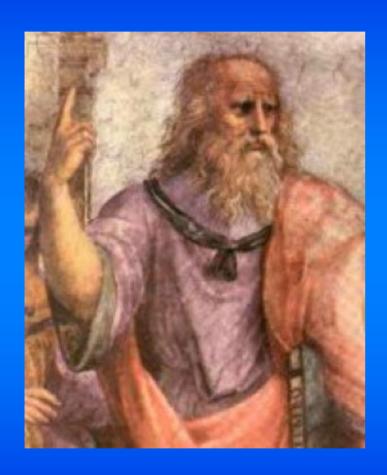


Stay busy!

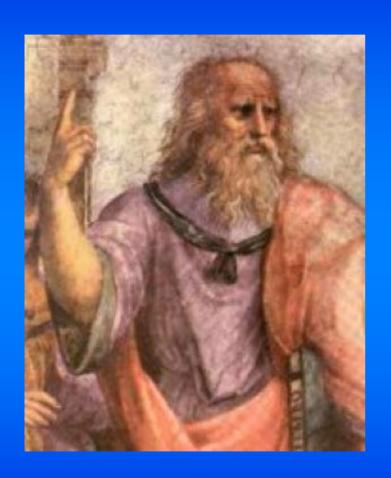


## Maybe the Pythagoreans!

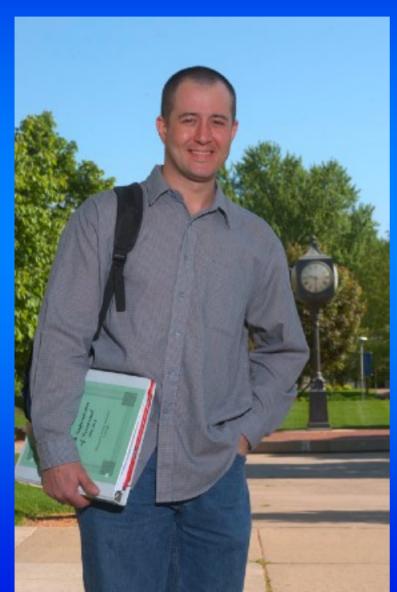
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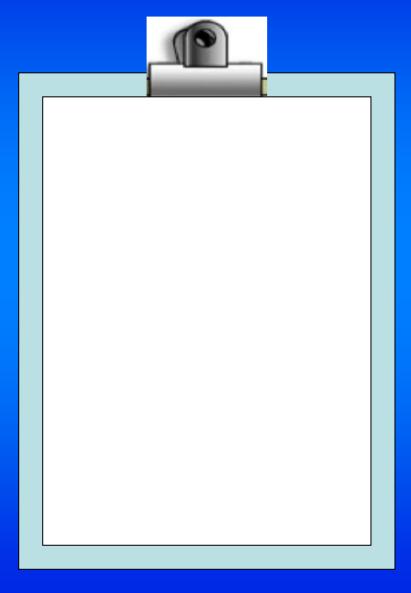


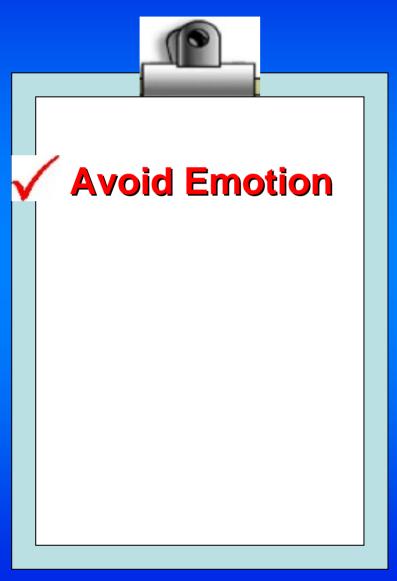
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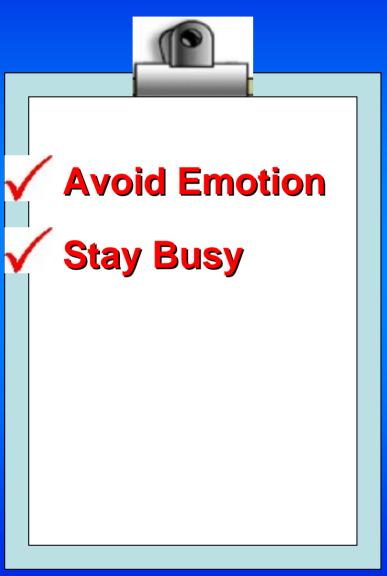


Stay brainy!









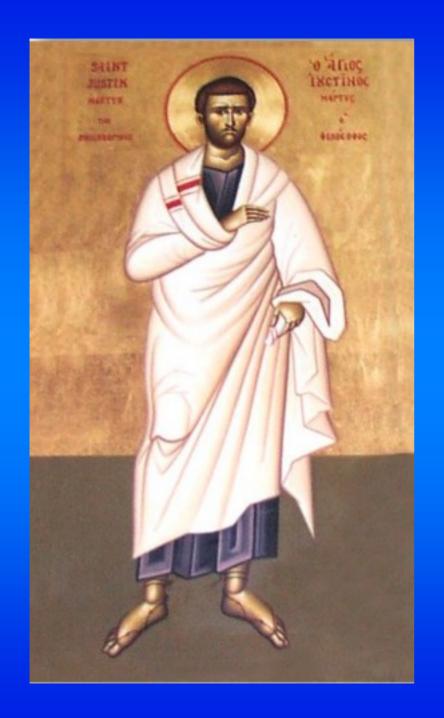




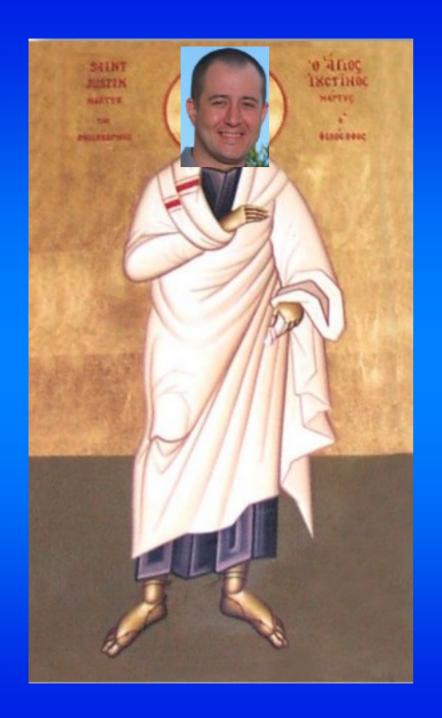


- **Avoid Emotion**
- Stay Busy
  - Nouveau Deepness
  - Intellectualism

Justin meets
Jesus



Justin answers the philosophical questions with faith and reason



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God uses Justin to show the place of faith to an educated Greek

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To: Emperor Antoninus Pius and "philosopher" sons

On behalf of "those unjustly hated and grossly abused ... myself being one of them"

## Not asking for sympathy or pity ... merely justice



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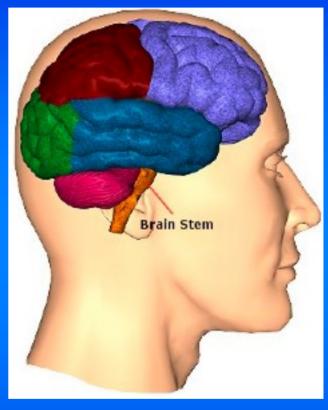
philosopher who
loves truth..."





Defends against charges

Explains truth



Defends against charges

Explains truth

Provides
his basis for
faith

## Christians Worship the Creator

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Ignore the pagan myths

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- Ignore the pagan myths
- Are those idols real?

#### Charge 1: Atheism



Defends against charges

## Christians Worship the Creator

- Ignore the pagan myths
- Are those idols real?
- Don't be naïve about demons!

### Don't believe what you hear!

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Defends against charges

### Don't believe what you hear!

- Avoid adultery and lust
- Fornicators
   become chaste
- Lovers of money become sharers
- Bigots become families

Don't believe what you hear!

 Confidence in God's provisions

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- Go the extra mile



Defends against charges

### Don't believe what you hear!

- Confidence in God's provisions
- Turn the other cheek
- Go the extra mile
- Peacefully pay taxes

#### Charge 3: Disloyalty

#### Charge 3: Disloyally



Defends against charges

We "worship God only, but in all other things we gladly serve you"





Defends against charges

Explains truth



Explains truth



Explains truth

Jesus is the logos, the reason, the logic, the answer



Explains truth

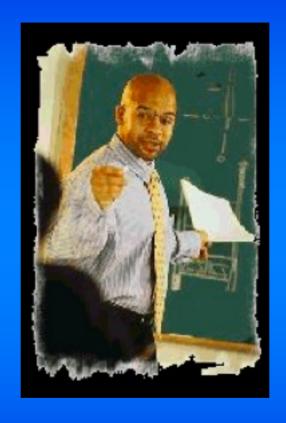
Jesus: virgin born, crucified, died, and rose again



Explains truth

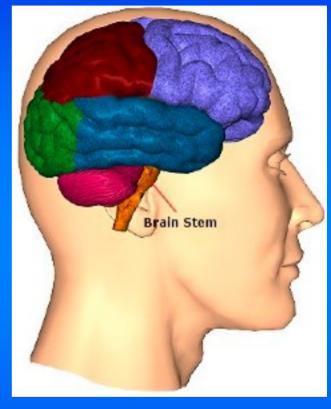
# Evil: demonic in origin





Defends against charges

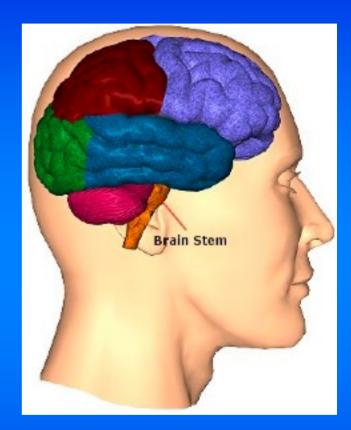
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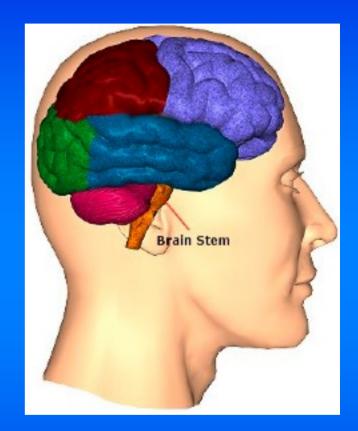
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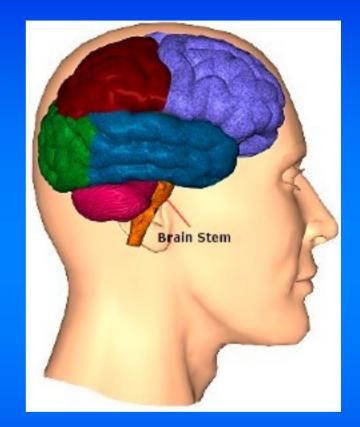
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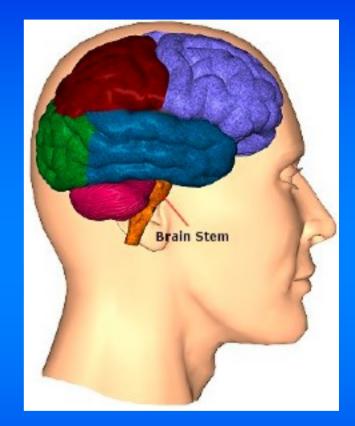


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"And you Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler who will shepherd my people."

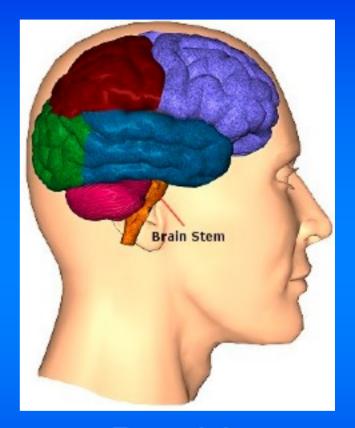


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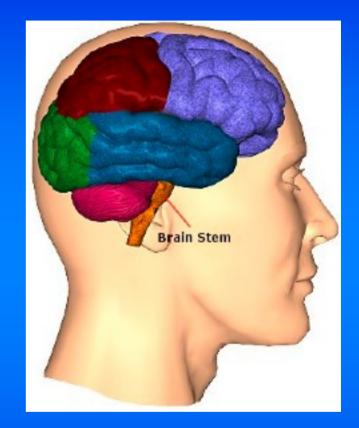
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"The ruler shall not depart from Judah."



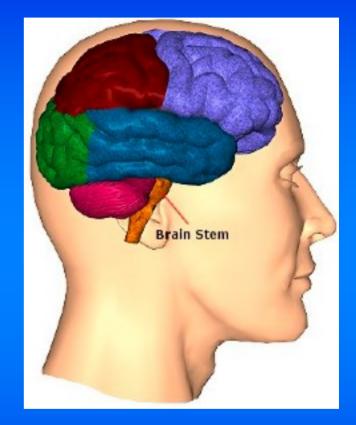
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"He shall be the expectation of the nations."



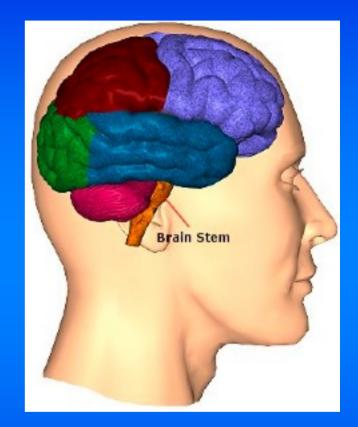
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"A star shall rise out of Jacob, and a flower shall spring from the root of Jesse; and upon his arm will the nations hope."



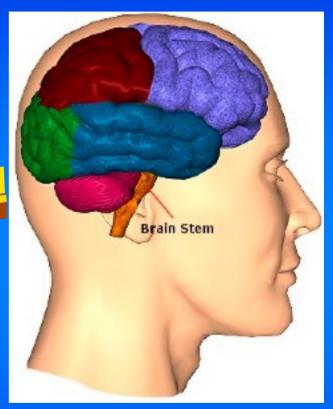
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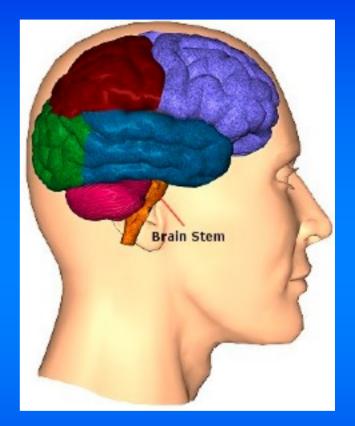
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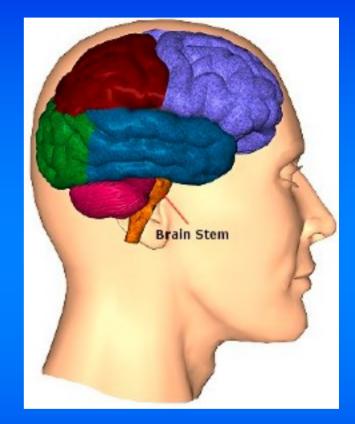
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"A child is born to us, and a young man given to us, and the government will be upon his shoulders."



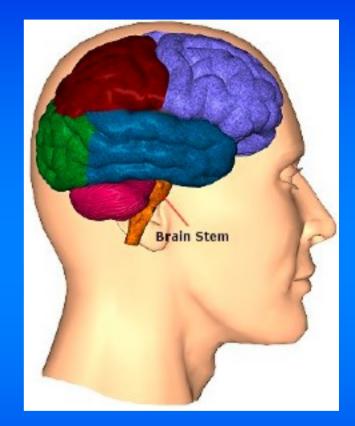
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"They pierced my hands and my feet, and cast lots for my clothing."



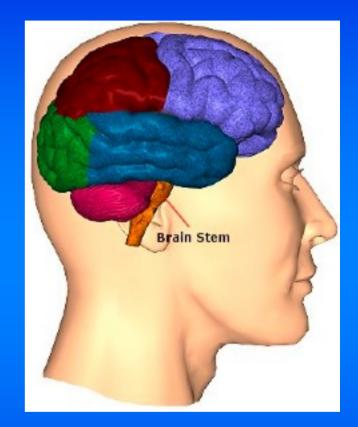
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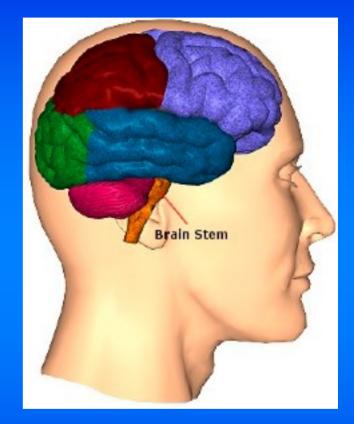
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"Behold your King comes to you meek, and riding upon a donkey."



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