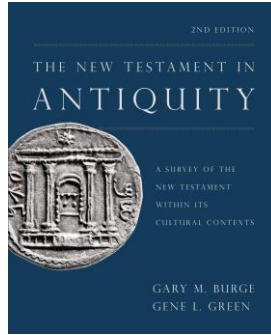


Sources for the Story of Jesus
Chapter 5 Quiz



True/False

1. Ancient pagan literature is skeptical towards Christians.
2. The early Christian community was canonically rigorous and had high standards for accepting new writings.
3. It seems that John is the oldest gospel and the source for the others.
4. The credibility of the Gospels is questionable because there was a lack of eyewitnesses at the time of their composition.
5. Writing played a more vital role in the preservation of the New Testament, because memory often proved unreliable.

Fill in the Blank

6. _____ criticism argues that brief episodes in the Gospels circulated orally in the earliest Christian communities and the gospel writers picked these up and strung them together.
7. The _____ is a controversial committee that convenes and determines which sayings of Jesus are “authentic.”
8. A document known as _____ is purportedly an early “pre-gospel” collection of Jesus sayings that stood alongside of Mark.
9. The _____ source hypothesis suggests that each gospel saying and story can be attributed to one of four sources.

Multiple Choice

10. Scholars are inclined to view the Gospels as what type of literature?
 - a. Poetry
 - b. Biographies
 - c. Letters
 - d. Homilies

11. Which book is NOT considered part of the Synoptic Gospels?
 - a. Matthew
 - b. Mark
 - c. Luke
 - d. John

12. Which book is considered an “apocryphal gospel”?
 - a. Matthew
 - b. Enoch
 - c. John
 - d. Thomas

13. The _____ were regarded as guardians and transmitters of the Jesus tradition.
 - a. Apostles
 - b. Christian prophets
 - c. Local churches
 - d. Christian elders

14. Which gospel did Augustine and the church fathers consider to be the literary source of the Synoptics?
 - a. Matthew
 - b. Mark
 - c. Luke
 - d. John

15. The majority of scholars today now agree that _____ is one of two literary sources for the Synoptics.
 - a. Matthew
 - b. Mark
 - c. Luke
 - d. John

16. Ancient historians were primarily interested in what kind of material or subjects?
 - a. Minor prophets
 - b. Rural happenings
 - c. Changes in weather
 - d. Epic imperial events

17. Ancient biographies focused primarily on what?
 - a. The subject’s childhood
 - b. His or her adolescent development
 - c. His or her great deeds
 - d. His or her psychological state

18. When writing, Mark, in particular, seems to have been thinking in what language?
 - a. Aramaic
 - b. Hebrew
 - c. Latin
 - d. Greek

19. In order for the gospels to be considered authentic, they must possess:
- a. The exact words of Jesus
 - b. The voice of Jesus
 - c. Allusions to Jesus
 - d. Physical descriptions of Jesus
20. What common subject in the gospels is found in almost no other literature from the time period?
- a. The kingdom of God
 - b. Circumcision
 - c. Food laws
 - d. The gentile mission