Religion Notes

Reactions to Infancy Gospel
- If you Cross him he punishes you
- Not typical look on Jesus
- Knew everything—intelligent
- Power to destroy and heal

*Different picture of Jesus
- Eldest child
- Superhero

Gospel of John
- Proclaims he is from Heaven
- Son of God
“logos”—word
incarnate—taking on flesh
descending, ascending

*Trinity—Father, Son, Holy Spirit

*Christ preexisting Jesus
- Helped create world
*Jesus may or may not be God

Paul—gave significance of death of Jesus

Time Frames
Didache—60-100 CE
Jesus’ Death—33 CE
Gospel of Thomas— 50 CE
Paul’s Epistles (letters)— 50-60 CE
Sign’s Gospel (precursor to John)— 60-80 CE
Mark (earliest)— 1st edition 70 CE
Matthew— 80 CE
Luke— 90 CE
John— 1st 90 CE (youngest)
Mary— 100-150 CE

Who was Jesus
- Jewish Messiah
Cosmic Savior
God incarnate
Gnostic revealer of your true identity
Superhero child

Gospel of Mary
Esoteric
Vision of talking to God
She had to let them know what she learned from him

Locked room, he appears, gives teachings
Dispute between Peter and Mary—Peter questions her
What Gospels make it
1. Need to affirm creation is Good
2. Need to affirm incarnation is real
3. Jesus was human
4. Jesus really died

Marcianism
   2nd century Christian
   Judaism v Christianity

Didache
   Teachings of sin and commandments
   How to test true prophets
   Gradual institutionalization of Christianity
   Handbook for new converts

What drew people to Christianity
   - Agape (love fest)
   - Radical egalitarianism
   - Forgiveness of sins
   - Eternal life