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IRENÆUS

UNTOLD STORIES – PART 3

2ND CENTURY PROBLEMS

The problem of _____: which books belong in the Bible?

The problem of _____: what is the relation of the old writings to the new?

IRENÆUS ON THE CANON

“So Matthew among the Hebrews issues a Writing of the gospel in their own tongue, while Peter and Paul were preaching the gospel at Rome and founding the Church. After their decease Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, also handed down to us in writing what Peter had preached. Then Luke, the follower of Paul, recorded in a book the gospel as it was preached by him.

Finally John, the disciple of the Lord, who had also lain on his breast, himself published the Gospel, while he was residing at Ephesus.”

Against Heresies III, 1.1

“The Gospels could not possibly be either more or less in number than they are. Since there are four zones of the world in which we live, and four principal winds, while the Church is spread over all the earth, and the pillar and foundation of the Church is the gospel, and the Spirit of life, it fittingly has four pillars... a gospel fourfold in form but held together by one Spirit.”

Against Heresies III, 11.8

IRENÆUS ON THE CANON

The history of salvation, or the divine _____

oikonomia = *economy* = “management of a household”

Divine economy is the story of God and _____ (one),

not the story of God and _____ (many).

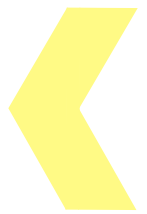
“Like an architect he outlined the plan of salvation to those who sought to please him... To those who were restless in the desert he gave a law perfectly suited to them. To those who entered the land of prosperity he gave a worthy inheritance... **In so many ways he was training the human race to take part in the harmonious song of salvation...** He kept calling them to what was primary by means of what was secondary, that is, through foreshadowings to the reality, through things of time to the things of eternity, through things of the flesh to the things of the spirit, through earthly things to the heavenly things...”
Against Heresies IV, 14.2

“Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law... But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our TUTOR to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.” Galatians 3:21-25

The New Testament _____ what
the Old Testament _____



“The harmonious song of the history of salvation is one continuous melody. But in Christ, there is a sudden transposition, a unique change of key. This decisive shift, this new key, is the final key. The fullness has been given, and there is nothing further to add.” Marcellino D’Ambrosio



Welcome

*Whether
you're just
visiting or
looking to
stay, it's
great to
have you
with us!*

Calendar

COFFEE'S ON US

Enjoy a hot cup of coffee and snacks.

WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

Stop by the Connection Table so we can get to know each other.

FILL YOUR BUCKET

The Well starts with a time of praise followed by an inspiring message.

- 03/01 MOMENTUM CONFERENCE KICKS OFF
- 03/03 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
- 03/04 HOLY GREAT FAST (LENT) BEGINS
- 03/09 YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF
- 03/10 REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR Y.A. RETREAT

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