

- 1) Of the groups living in Palestine during the 1st century CE, with which one did Jesus and his followers have most in common? Describe the similarities. (pp18-25)
- 2) Briefly define Hellenism (= Greco-Roman culture) and give at least 3 specific examples of how it affected the NT world. (pp 31-34)
- 3) Briefly describe Gnosticism. (pp39-41)
- 4) What are the six stages of the transmission of the Gospel tradition? (pg52)
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- 5) What is the goal of historical criticism, and why is this method of study appealing to Christians and non-Christians? (pg55)
- 6) What is the difference between “exegesis” and “hermeneutics”? (pp59-61)
- 7) What genre are the Gospels most like? (pg82)
What 5 characteristics of the Gospels does Powell highlight? (pg 83-85)
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- 8) What would people in the ancient world think of what we designate as a “miracle”? (pp87-90)
- 9) What is the “Q source”? (pp95-98)
- 10) What is the Diatesseron? Was it a good or bad idea?

BONUS: Draw an illustration of the Farrer Hypothesis. (Be sure to check out online [4.6](#) and [4.6a](#))