

For Fun: The infancy Gospel of Thomas¹²

Attributed to Thomas the Israelite, the philosopher

A 'Gospel' that describes the childhood of Jesus, dated late 2nd Century, and certainly not part of the Bible

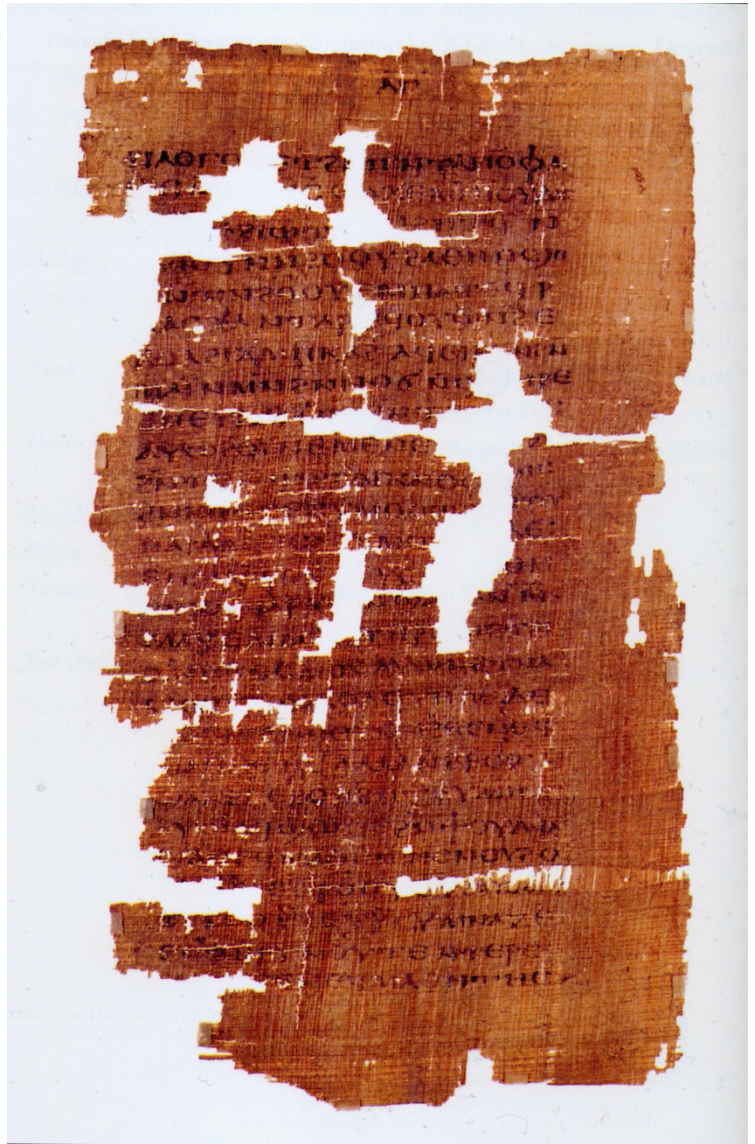
sources: There are three primary sources for the infancy gospel are two Greek versions, and a Latin version. The version we can access online is a composite of these three. It is impossible to tell what the original language would have been.

Motive: Many stories, about Jesus and the saints have been made up over the years, for a number of motives.

In some cases the stories are constructed to emphasise the holy nature of the subject.

In some cases the stories are constructed, expanded or spread widely for political/ social purposes.

In some cases the stories are created out of faithful curiosity, in order to 'fill in the blanks'



Structure:

the story is structured in a repeated pattern of

3 miracles,

a failed attempt to teach Jesus,
3 miracles.

Visit to the Temple (Luke 2.41-52)

Repeated twice

¹ <http://gnosis.org/library/inftoma.htm>

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infancy_Gospel_of_Thomas

The Miracles

Set 1

- a. Birds of Clay
- b. Cursed (and killed) a boy
- c. Cursed a boy who bumped him, and blinded the parents



Set 2

- a. Repair the damage done
- b. Raised a friend who had fallen
- c. Healed an axe wound

Set 3

- a. Carried water in cloth
- b. Produced a lot of wheat from a single corn
- c. Stretched timber for Joseph



Set 4

- a. Healed his brother, James, of snake bite
- b. Raised a little child who had gotten sick
- c. Raised a worker who had died in a building accident
- d.