

- i. ¹ *The Gospel of Peter* (early or mid 2nd century)
 1. Only a fragment of this exists.
 2. It begins at Jesus trial and ends abruptly in the middle of an appearance of the Risen Lord.
 3. Note the talking cross and the mission to “the souls in prison”.
- b. Canonical Writings Attributed to Peter
 - i. 1st Peter
- C. Introduction
 - i. Authorship
 1. Oldest tradition is Peter, one of the 12
 2. Modern scholars believe it went back to a “Petrine Circle” which reflected the ideas of Peter.
 - ii. Date
 1. If Peter did write it, early 60’s AD
 2. If not, then 70’s or 80’s AD
 - iii. Written in Rome
 - iv. Addressed to “Resident Aliens” in Pontus, Bithynia, Cappadocia, Galatia, and Asia. It was obviously a circular letter that would have been brought by Silvanus. Writes to strengthen their faith.
- d. Structure of the Letter
 - i. The Holy People of God (1:1-2:10)
 - ii. Living in a Non-Christian world (2:11-3:12)
 - iii. The role of suffering (3:13-4:19)
 - iv. Shepherding the Flock of God (5:1-14)