

Origen of Alexandria

The 3-fold allegorical method of text interpretation

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Application:

- What things do people misunderstand or purposefully twist about Christianity today?
- How do we respond?
- How do we see these early heresies expressed in the church today?
- What are small errors we allow that could turn into larger issues later?

Lessons from the Past - Week 4

Accusations and Falsehood - Contending for the Faith

What is the framework we are viewing this through?

Who builds the church?

Apologetics

Polemics

4 common accusations:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The apologists: Justin “the” Martyr

Typical early church service:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

The early Polemicists (Acts 20:29-30)

Irenaeus of Lyons

Marcionism

Tertullian of Carthage

Modalism or Sabellianism

Early heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism or New Prophecy

Gnostic canon

The Gnostic Gospel of Thomas