

So the word Apochrypha came to mean a harmful book, a book that has wrong doctrine in it a book that has wrong doctrine in it, is misleading and should not be used. That was the meaning which the word didn't have originally but which it developed from the antipathy of Christians to these hidden books that certain groups of the heretical sects claim to possess. In this sense no one of the books which we today call Apochrypha is an Apochryphal book. Because the books which the Roman Catholics say are inspired and which we say are not inspired are none of them those books which were written which are harmful in this way. There were books written which calimed to be the life of Christ, the story of Christ and they would tell us how Christ, when He was a little boy was sent to school and the teacher said here is A & B. and he asked what they were and the teacher says they are the alphabet. And he said now you explain to me what A means and I will tell you what B means. And he said you are very impudent and he said you can't talk to me that way and the man dropped dead. And that sort of crazy, fantastic stories are contained in the so-called Apochrypha gospels. And you have similar stories in the Apochrypha acts of the Apostles telling of all sorts of queer things the Apostles did which some people with a lot of imagination and very little sense wrote in the early days of the Christian church and which the church has never thought of considering as possibly being inspired and those are the Apochryphal gospels, the Apochryphal acts - Apichryphal books, curious books, horrible books, books that don't do anybody any good, that give you a lot of false ideas and when people talk about N.T. Apochrypha that is what they mean. They are very very different from what we call the Apochrypha in relation to the O.T. They are not Apochryphal in the sense of being hidden because they were never hidden, they are not Apochryphal in the sense of being dangerous and harmful they were not that. These books are books which were written by pious jews. These pious jews, now you take the book of Ecclesiasticus, there was a very pious jew in Jerusalem and he sat down about 200 B.C. and he started to write a book of pious admonition and he wrote a very fine book along that line. You take any man who would read both Eccleasticus and Eccleastes and ask him which is the most uplifting and spiritual and he will say Ecclesiasticus, I don't understand this book of Eccliastes, I don't get what it is driving at. But the Eccleastes is an inspired book which was given of God to present a certain truth and if we have difficulties in understanding it, we must study and try to figure out what it is and to overcome our difficulty. The book of Eccliasticus was written