

- **When books were proven to be authored by Apostles, then they were given canonicity.**
- **Mark, Luke, Acts were generally accepted because of the Apostles testimony.**
- **When the church studied the books to see if God was the author, these books were considered self-attesting.**



- **Polycarp (follower of John)**
 - Martyred in AD 155
- **Irenaeus (follower of Polycarp)**
 - Roman Bishop in AD 177
 - Quotes from all but about 5 NT books



Early Church Fathers

- **Council of Jamnia AD 90-100**

- No records of what occurred.
- Not to decide what should be included.
- To discuss those already included.



- **Muratorian Canon AD 150**

- First list of books in the NT received by the church
- Did not include 1 and 2 Peter, James, and Hebrews

- **The church only ever used 4 gospels**

- No more than a dozen or so other “gospels” exist

- **By AD 180, 22 of 27 NT books were universally accepted**

- James, Jude, 2 & 3 John, 2 Peter, Hebrews, and Revelation
- Only a few churches had struggles with these.

