

**A History of Heresy:
The History of the Church from 50—500 AD
Summer 2023
Session Six: Sabellianism**

Introduction

Church History is easily told as a history of the church's response to heresy

- Seen clearly from 50—500 AD
 - Today: Pressures from without and from within
 - Attacks from Pagan Society
 - Heresy of Sabellianism

I. The 2nd and 3rd Century Apologists

a. Increasing Instability in Roman Empire

i. Sporadic Persecution

ii. Attacks on the church:

1. Roman Philosopher _____

a. Wrote _____

b. Attacked Jesus' Person and Work

b. Three Effective Apologists

i. _____ of Nablus (100-165 AD)

ii. _____ of Carthage (155-220 AD)

iii. _____ of Alexandria (185-254 AD)

II. The Heresy of Sabellianism

a. Other Names for Sabellianism

- _____
- _____

b. The _____ of Sabellianism/Modalism

i. Denies the doctrine of the _____

1. _____ the divine mystery
2. Appeals to _____

ii. Overemphasizes the _____ of God

1. Rejects distinct _____ in Godhead
2. Affirms different _____ of one God

- Key word: _____

- An attempt to make Christianity Reasonable?

c. The _____ to Sabellianism/Modalism

i. Matthew 28:18-20

ii. The Baptism of Jesus

iii. The Prayer Life of Jesus/The Garden of Gethsemane

1. Luke 4:42;5:15,16; 6:12; 9:18,28; 11:1; 22:41; 23:46
2. John 1:1-3,18; 14:16,21,23,24,31; 17:1-26