Is Jesus a Copycat of Pagan Myths?

1. When was the idea of Jesus being a copycat savior first raised?
   a. Who were some of the leaders of this movement?
   b. What was the movement called?

2. What is a mystery religion, and what are some common characteristics?

3. What 3 steps should we take in addressing the pagan copycat theory?
   a.
   b.
   c.
**Alleged Parallels**

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Fallacies committed by Zeitgeist

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Modern Parallels
8. Abraham Lincoln & John F. Kennedy
   a. Lincoln elected to congress in 1846. Kennedy elected to congress in 1946.
   c. Both have 7 letters in last name
   d. Secretary for Lincoln was named Kennedy and vice-versa. NOT TRUE, but sources don’t matter, right?? :-(
   e. Both married in their 30’s to a 25 year old socially-prominent girl, who was fluent in French
   f. Both dealt with civil rights movements for African-Americans
   g. Both assassinated on a Friday, in the back of the head, before a major holiday, while sitting next to their wives, by assassins known by 3 names with 15 letters each
   h. Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse, and was caught in a theater. Booth shot Lincoln in a theater, and was caught in a warehouse (a barn, actually, but it’s kind of a warehouse!)
   i. Both assassins were shot and killed with a colt revolver days after they assassinated the president before they could be brought to trial.
   j. Both presidents were succeeded by Vice-President’s named Johnson, born in 1808 and 1908, respectively

9. Wreck of the Titan (novel) & Titanic
   a. Both sank in April in the North Atlantic by hitting an iceberg on the same side (starboard)
   b. Both did not have enough lifeboats for the passengers and crew
   c. Sizes were similar (882 ft. vs. 800 ft.)
   d. Speeds were similar (25 knots vs. 22.5 knots)
   e. Both were described as “unsinkable”
   f. More than half of the passengers and crew died (2500 vs. 2200)