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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.
 - b. Lincoln became president in 1860. Kennedy became president in 1960.
 - 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?? :-P
 - 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)