

Figure	Figure Overview	Framing	Normalization	Controlled Debate	Institutionalization	Revisionism	Suppression/Scapegoating	Entered Overton?	Held Open Debate?	Institutionalized?	Targeted/Oppressed?	Typological Legacy	Hero Myth Subversion
Zwingli	Civic reform (67 Articles) framed by biblical & legal fusion	Justified by Scripture but within civic order	Rapid civic traction; selective reforms adopted	Limited public debate; suppressed rivals	Civic-church model embedded	Moderation later portrayed as balanced reform	Suppressed Anabaptists violently	Yes	Partially	Yes	Yes	Partial recovery, constrained by civic fusion	Generally conforms to reformer archetype
Luther	95 Theses confront indulgences	Sola fide & scriptura; framed as theological return	Protected by princes; ideas spread	Facilitated debate but denounced radicals	Lutheranism becomes state religion	Legacy co-opted into national narratives	Critics marginalized; radicals condemned	Yes	Controlled	Yes	Yes	Doctrinal clarity but compromised institutional tie	Seen as cultural hero by some traditions
Anabaptists	Break from Zwingli over baptism, voluntary discipleship	Framed as dangerous or fanatical by authorities	Suppressed before cultural traction	Debate disallowed; movement declared heretical	None — remained persecuted minority	Branded by opponents as violent heretics	Persecuted across Europe	No	Denied	No	Yes	High typological fidelity, persecuted remnant	Demonized in their time, sanctified later
Jesus Christ	Initiates Kingdom claims, disrupts legal/religious order	Framed as threat, prophet, or political agitator	Rejected despite mass following	Public trials staged; no genuine debate allowed	No institutional support during life	Repeatedly institutionalized, softened, or politicized	Crucified; legacy frequently sanitized	No	Denied	No	Yes	Ontological and typological standard	Never fit the wide recognised ‘hero’ myth—subverted it through weakness, rejection, crucifixion