

Christianity and Roman Empire Timeline

- circa 30 AD Jesus and Birth of Christianity
- 30-290 AD Christianity spreads throughout Roman Empire as missionaries travel the trade routes around Mediterranean Sea. Romans persecute Christians from time to time seeing them as unpatriotic.
- circa 300 AD Worst persecution under Diocletian as he attempts to inspire nationalistic zeal in the Roman Empire.
- 313 AD #8 Edict of Milan- Christianity given legal status under Constantine. Constantine sends his mother, Helena, to area of Israel to establish holy sites such as Jesus' tomb
- 325 AD Council of Nicaea- Constantine pays for Christian bishops to settle question, "Is Jesus God?". First time political power and Christianity work together in Empire.
- 380 AD Emperor Theodosius makes Christianity the official religion of Empire
- 476 AD City of Rome Falls to Germanic barbarians

Western Europe

Eastern Europe

<p>Bishop of Rome (Pope) Religious Leader gains in power as church gives stability as Empire control & civilization comes to close.</p> <p>Barbarians tribes in Western Europe convert to Christianity</p>	<p>Emperor as maintains power and control over the religious leader, the Patriarch of Constantinople since he too is a Christian.</p>
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- 570 AD Mohammed and Birth of Islam, Islamic forces begin to take over Roman Lands in Levant (Israel, Syria)
- 800 AD Frankish king, Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope in Western Europe
- 1054 AD Great Schism- Major Issue: Who rules the church? The Pope (Bishop of Rome) or do all the Bishops rule equally? Divides Christianity into two major branches-Roman Catholic Church under leadership of Pope in Western Europe, Eastern Orthodox with Emperor as head (Patriarch of Constantinople is religious head today, but does not lead E.O. churches like Pope)
- 1095 AD Pope Urban calls for First Crusade to fight Islamic forces in Middle East after request from Byzantine Roman Emperor in Constantinople, Alexius

The Facts

1. What changed Christianity from an illegal to a legal religion?

Edict of Milan

2. Who gained in power in Western Europe after the Fall of the City of Rome?

The Bishop of Rome (Pope)
& Roman Catholic Church

3. What religion threatened Christianity in the Roman Empire?

Islam

4. Who did the Pope crown Holy Roman Emperor? Was he Roman?

Charlemagne was a Frankish king, not Roman.

5. What was the main disagreement that led to the Great Schism?

Was the Bishop of Rome the ultimate ruler of the church or were all bishops equal

6. How did the Birth of Islam affect Christianity in the Roman Empire?

took over Christian lands that Romans once held

7. What would you think if you were the emperor of Constantinople and the Pope crowned Charlemagne Holy Roman Emperor?

Christian ^{believed he was ruling Rome}
Angry - Charlemagne is Frankish, not Roman
Emperor feels he is the Roman Emperor

8. List events from the timeline that display a union of church & state?

- * Constantine paid for Council of Nicaea & send Helena to look for holy sites
- * Theodius makes Christianity the religion of empire
- * Charlemagne crowned emperor by Pope
- * Pope Urban calls kings to fight in Crusade