

Section 2

Christianity and the Roman Empire

The Rise of Christianity

- Unrest in Judea

- Roman Empire home to many religions- Romans were tolerant
- BUT people had to show _____ to Roman gods and emperor
- Romans conquered Judea (_____) in 63bc- respected Jewish right to worship their god
- Many Jews resented Roman rule- believed a _____ (savior) would come
- Romans punished people of Judea- appointed _____ to rule- Jesus born under Herod's rule

The Rise of Christianity

- New Testament- part of the people that tells the life and teachings of Jesus
- After Jesus died, disciples (followers) told his story and teachings
- 40-70 years after Jesus died 4 stories were written- Matthew, Mark, Luke John- known as the Gospels

The Rise of Christianity

- Christian Beliefs

- _____ grew up in Nazareth and learned to be a carpenter
- Began teaching at about 30 years old
- Spent 3 years traveling and teaching to Jews in the countryside
- Taught...
 - Loving and _____
 - People must love _____
 - People must love _____
 - People who followed him would have _____
 - Followers believed he was the messiah

The Rise of Christianity

- Fears About Christianity

- People complained that Jesus was teaching that

- Thought Jesus might lead an _____

- Jesus was sentenced to _____

- _____ - nailed to a cross

- According to Gospels, he _____ and told disciples to spread his teachings

Christianity Spreads

- The Letters of Paul

- used to be named _____ and persecute Christians- then had a vision and converted and changed name to Paul
- _____
- Teachings turned Christianity into an organized religion
 - Wrote _____ (letters) to Christian churches

Christianity Spreads

- Christianity Moves to the Cities

- AD 100- Christian churches in Alexandria, Antioch, Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica, Rome
- Christians began referring to non-believers as _____
(country dweller)- today pagan means someone that is not Christian, Jew, or Muslim

Christianity Spreads

- Ways of Worship
 - Christian churches adopted ideas from Jewish churches- sang and prayed, read scripture or epistles
 - Set aside _____ for worship- the day they believe Jesus rose from the dead
 - Jesus told Christians to practice 2 rites (_____)
 - _____ - dip in water to wash away sin
 - _____ - share bread and wine in a meal called the Eucharist in remembrance of Jesus' last meal

Rome Reacts

- Rome Burns

- AD 64- under emperor Nero, Rome burned for 9 days- destroyed a lot of the city
- Nero blamed _____ - had them arrested
 - Forced them to _____ in the Coliseum
 - Soaked them in _____
 - _____ them
 - Paul was jailed for 2 years then _____

Rome Reacts

- Treatment of Christians
 - Rome was in its decline- often bad things were blamed on the Christians (see quote on page 264)
 - Christianity was a _____

Rome Reacts

- The Appeal of Christianity

- Christianity still grew- help to _____ drew people in
- Jesus was not a mythological hero from an unidentified time
- Gospels were _____
- Emperors that persecuted Christians: Domitian, Marcus Aurelius, Decius, Valerian, and (worst of all) Diocletian
 - Diocletian wanted to _____
 - His actions only made it grow- turned Christians into _____ (people who die for a cause)
 - By AD 300- 1 in 10 Romans was a Christian