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# The Rise of Christianity in the Roman Empire

For this assignment, you will use the following site:  
<http://romechristianity.weebly.com>

## WHO WAS JESUS?

1. Out of all the pictures, which one is probably the most historical image of Jesus?  
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2. Why has Jesus often been depicted with long brown hair and blue eyes?

## PALESTINE IN THE AGE OF JESUS

3. Where was Palestine? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who controlled Palestine in the age of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is a "messiah" (Click on the word for the definition)
6. Who were the Zealots? What did they believe?

## THE LIFE OF JESUS

7. Why do you think that we don't know much about the historical Jesus?
8. Who was Pontius Pilate?

9. Why was Jesus executed? (Look up the term “blasphemy” by clicking on the word)

10. Watch the short video. How did the discovery of the bones of a crucified man change how historians view crucifixion? According to the video, how were some people crucified?

## **THE SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY**

11. Who were the first Christians?

12. Who did the most to spread Christianity? Why was he unique?

13. Look at the map. Which journey did Paul travel the greatest distance do you think?

14. For what two reasons did Christianity take hold in the Roman Empire?

15. How did the Roman Empire initially respond to Christianity?

16. When was Christianity legalized in Rome? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Who was the first Christian emperor? \_\_\_\_\_

18. What happened at the Council of Nicaea?

19. When did Rome become the official religion of Rome? \_\_\_\_\_

20. When and how was the “New Testament” of the Bible created?

21. Look at the map at the end of the page. How would you describe the Christian world in 300 CE?

22. What happens to Christianity by 600 CE?