
Reminders

Short Essay Version 1 due
Wed. Oct 25th

Midterm tutorial grades
and check in via DM on
Chatboard

Buddhism in China

不聞心法如是人難度是故舍利弗我為設方便
說諸盡苦道示之以涅槃我雖說涅槃是亦非真滅
諸法從本來常自寂滅相佛子行道已來世得作佛
我有方便力開示三乘法一切諸世尊皆說一乘道
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68 CE
Buddhist monks at
Han Imperial court

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Chinese Buddhism

- Translations of Indian texts: 60-317 CE
- Lotus Sutra (255 CE)
- Bodhisattava: enlightened Buddhists on the brink of nirvana, act as intermediary



Chinese Buddhism and Daoism

- Emphasis on reflection and introspection
- Live in harmony with the Dao
- Retreat from world of politics and administration



**Buddhism and
the Northern
Wei,
(4th to 6th
centuries C.E.)**



Buddhism under the Sui and Tang Dynasties (589-907 C.E.)

Longxing Monastery in Hebei Province, China
First built in 586 C.E.



The Origin and Appeal of Christianity

Religion in the Roman Empire

- Pantheon of gods
- Mystery religions
Mithras/Mithraism, cult of Isis
- Judaism: the Messiah and the kingdom of David

ZEUS/JUPITER

God of the Sky
King of weather, judgment, gods
Patron of:
Rulers, judges
About:
Husband and brother to Hera, he was king of the gods after overthrowing his father Cronus.



HERA/JUNO

Goddess of Motherhood
Queen of gods, marriage
Patron of:
Marriages
About:
Zeus' wife, she constantly punishes his lovers for his infidelity, while she remained pure.



POSEIDON/NEPTUNE

God of the Sea
Lord of water, horses, earthquakes
Patron of:
Sailors, fishers
About:
Easily angered, he lost patronage of Athens to Athena, so he sent a monster to attack it.



HADES/PLUTO

God of the Underworld
Lord of dead, earth, treasures
Patron of:
The dying, miners
About:
Resides in the underworld, not on Mount Olympus. Isn't evil, but didn't let the dead escape justice.



ARES/MARS

God of War
Lord of warriors
Patron of:
Warriors, athletes, Sparta
Related to:
Worshipped for war, but sometimes considered too blood thirsty and extreme.



APHRODITE/VENUS

Goddess of Love
Lady of love, beauty, sex
Patron of:
Lovers
About:
Born from Uranus in the sea, she was given Hephaestus as husband, but cheats on him with Ares.



APOLLO

God of the Sun
Lord of light, music, arts
Patron of:
Musicians
About:
Twins with Artemis, he is associated with the arts, knowledge, and the oracle of prophecy.



ARTEMIS/DIANA

Goddess of the Moon
Lady of the hunt, night, virginity
Patron of:
Hunters, young women
About:
Twin with Apollo, she is a sworn virgin and protects young women's virtue.



HEPHAESTUS/VULCAN

God of the Forge
Lord of fire, crafts



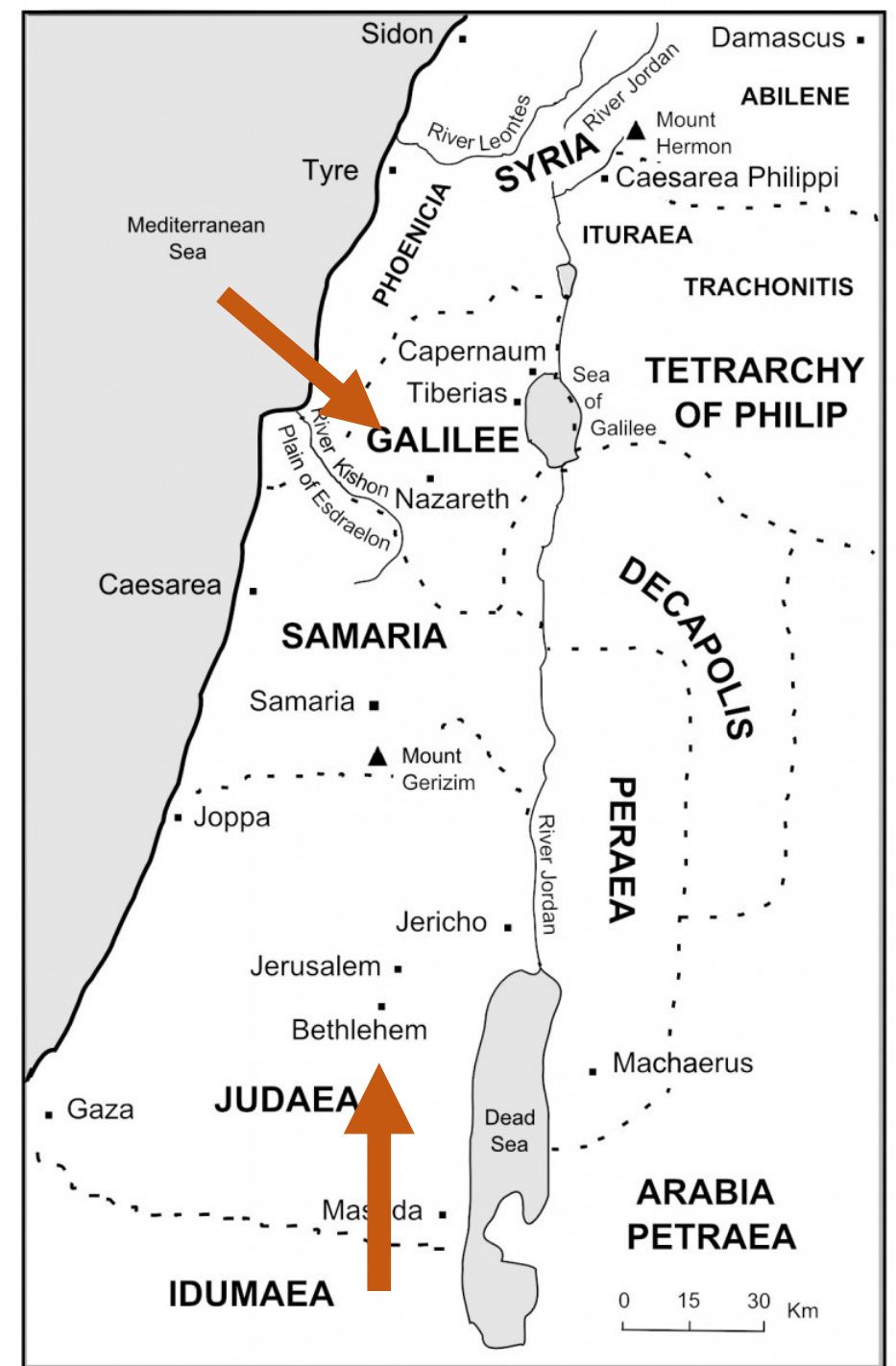
ATHENA/MINERVA

Goddess of Wisdom
Lady of wisdom, handicrafts, warfare



Jesus of Nazareth

4 B.C.E. to 30 C.E.



**Jesus the Christ
“the anointed
one” and
preaching**



"Just as a mother would protect her only child at the risk of her own life, even so, let [my followers] cultivate a boundless heart towards all beings." (Karaniya Metta Sutta)



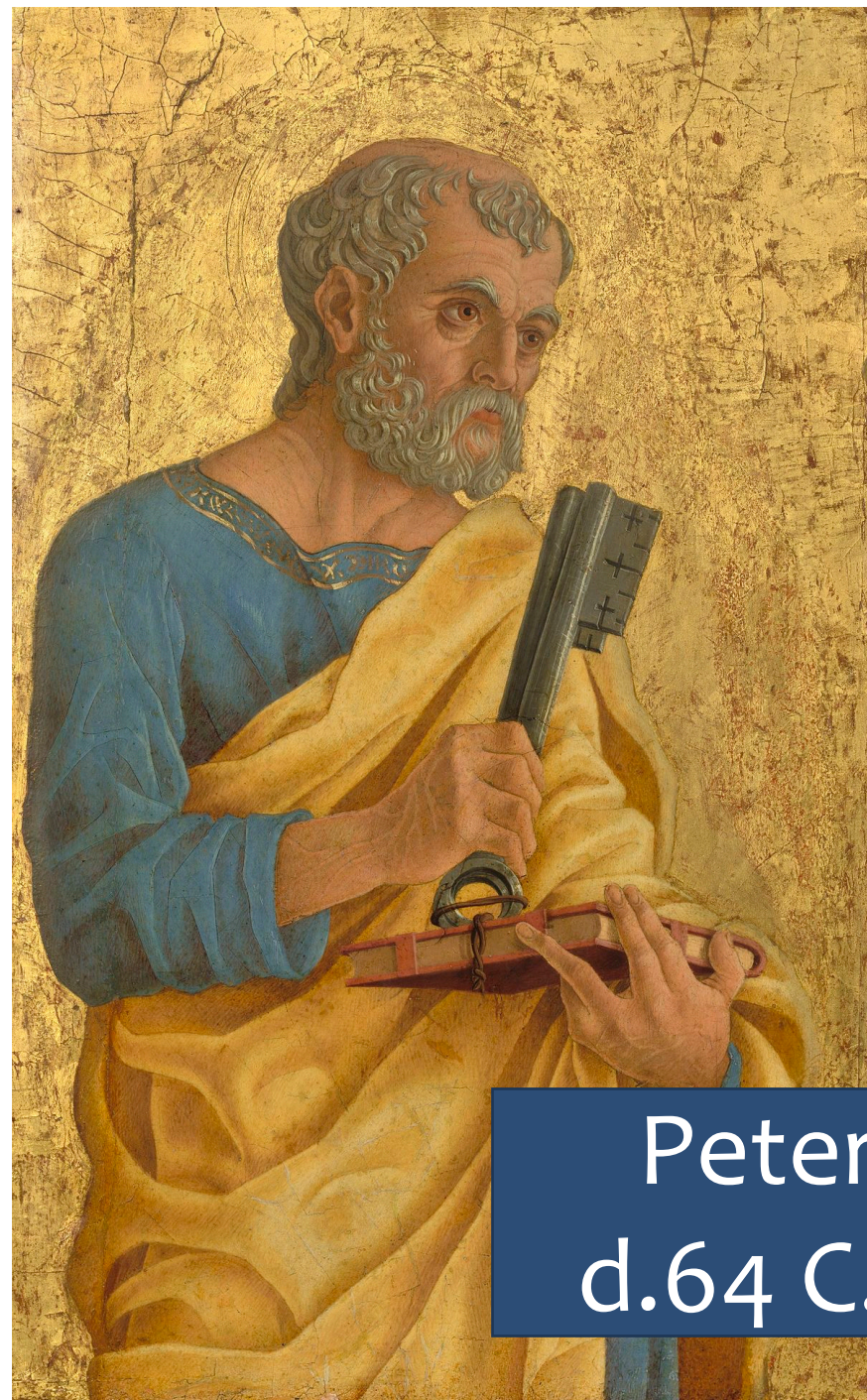
"You have heard that it was said 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy,' but I tell you 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.'" (Matthew 5:43-44)



Spread of Christianity

SYNCRETISM

- ✓ Baptism
- ✓ Ritual meal (Communion)
- ✓ December as birth of Christ
- ✓ Sunday as day of worship



Peter,
d.64 C.E.

Paul of Tarsus (d. 67 C.E.)

- Hellenized Jew
- Converts could come from anywhere

“There is neither Jew nor Greek... neither slave nor free... neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

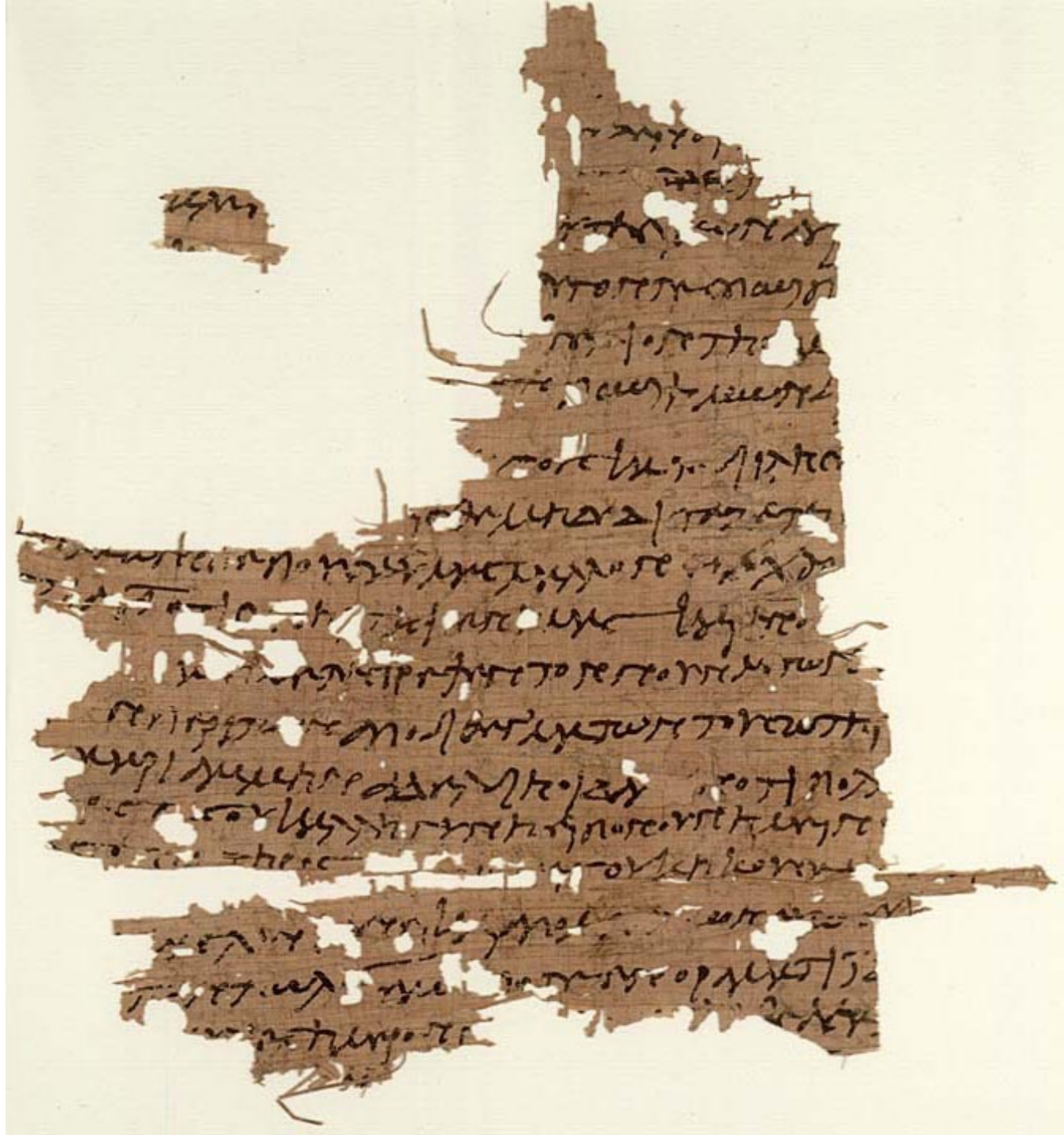


Religion of the book: creating the Christian Bible

- Letters of Peter, Paul, and others to various churches
- Gospels (Lives of Christ): Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- Mystical Writings: Apocalypse, Revelations
- Plus version of Jewish scriptures

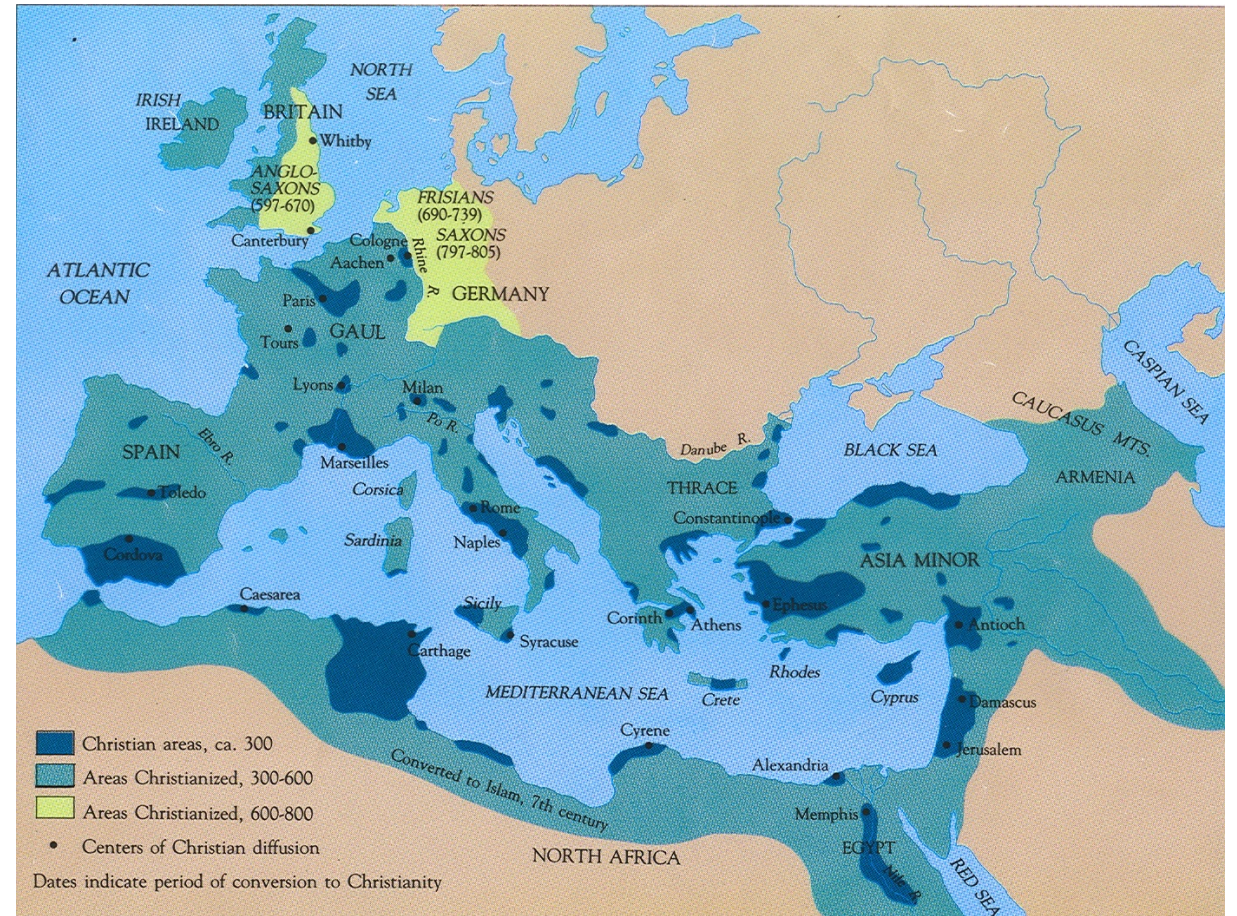
Gospel of Mary Magdalene

- Discovered in the 19th century
- Dates from 2nd century



Spread of Christianity

- Appeal of salvation
- Universal message
- Role of women
- Sophisticated theology



Christianity in the Roman empire

- Subversive; challenge to Roman authority
- Persecution & Toleration

Persecution & Martyrdom

Perpetua and Felicity
(d. 203 C.E.) in North
African city of Carthage



Emperor Constantine

- Turning point
- Battle of Milvian Bridge, 312 CE
- Protections and toleration of Christians
- Council of Nicaea, 325 CE



Rafael, c. 1508, Museum of Vatican, Rome, Italy

Nicene Creed



6th century manuscript of the Nicene Creed

the CREED

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, **THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,**
maker of heaven and earth,
OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BORN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL AGES.
GOD FROM GOD, *light from light,*
TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD,
BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER;
THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.
FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION *he came down from heaven,*
AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
AND BECAME MAN.

FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
HE SUFFERED DEATH AND WAS BURIED,
and rose again on the third day
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY
to judge the living and the dead
AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON,
WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IS ADORED AND GLORIFIED,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.
I CONFESS ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME.

Amen.

Road to official religion

- **312 CE** – Battle of Milvian Bridge
- **325 CE** – Council of Nicaea
- **360 CE** – Final accepted version of the New Testament
- **380 CE** – Emperor Theodosius declares Christianity official state religion of the Roman Empire

Christian missionaries to northern Europe





Syncretism

Brigid → St. Bridget



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