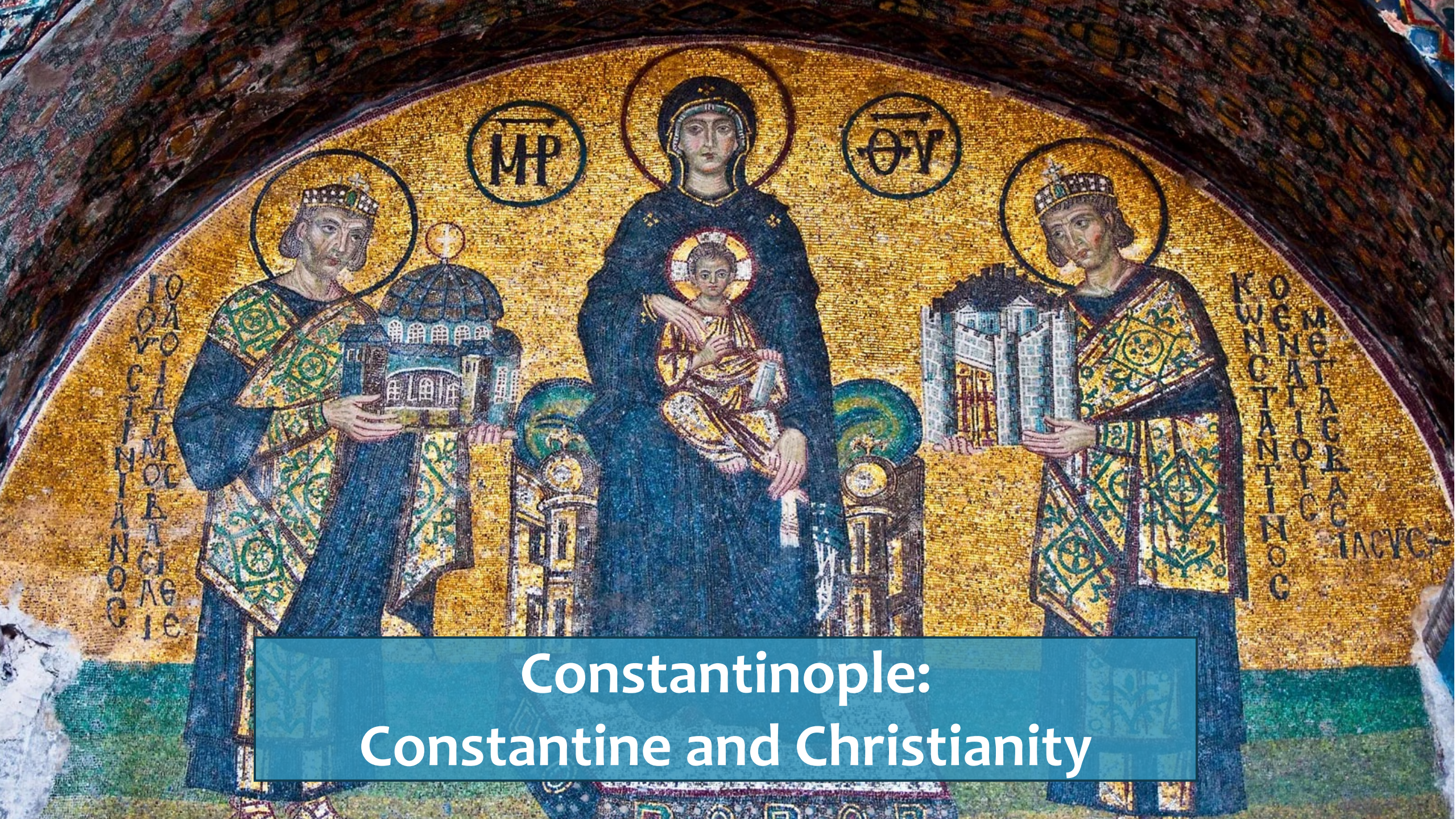


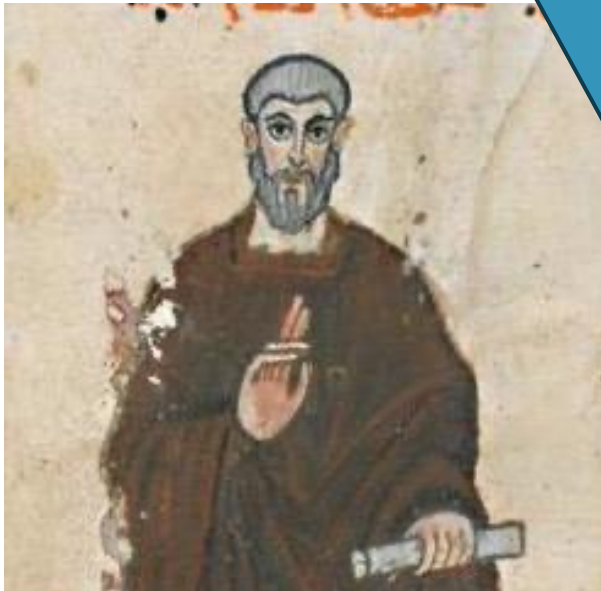
# Reminders

- Research Assignment Step #3 returned FRIDAY
- Short Essay Version #1 due MONDAY October 28<sup>th</sup>
- NO LECTURES next week in class (recorded lectures posted on course website)
- TUTORIALS as normal next week



Constantinople:  
Constantine and Christianity

“Now let anyone who so wishes come forth and explain who it was who, after such destruction and ruin, restored the sacred buildings from top to bottom; who, after the loss of all hope, decided on a second building, ever greater than the former?”



## **Eusebius of Caesara, *De sepulcro Christi* (335 C.E.)**

Image: 6<sup>th</sup> century Syria



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# Refoundation as Constantinople, 330 C.E.

- Christian city:
  - Churches
  - Holy relics
  - Religious processions



Column built by Constantine in 330 C.E. to commemorate the founding of the city.

# Our focus today...

- ❖ Beginnings of Christianity: Jesus in Palestine
- ❖ Path of Christianity to official state religion of Roman empire: role of Constantine
- ❖ Constantinople as a “second Jerusalem” by 6<sup>th</sup> century

Jesus of  
Nazareth,  
4 B.C.E. to 30  
C.E.





Jesus the Christ  
“the anointed  
one” and  
preaching





**Crucifixion for treason  
30 C.E.**

**Roman governor:  
Pontius Pilate**

# After Jesus' Death

- Resurrection (3 days after)

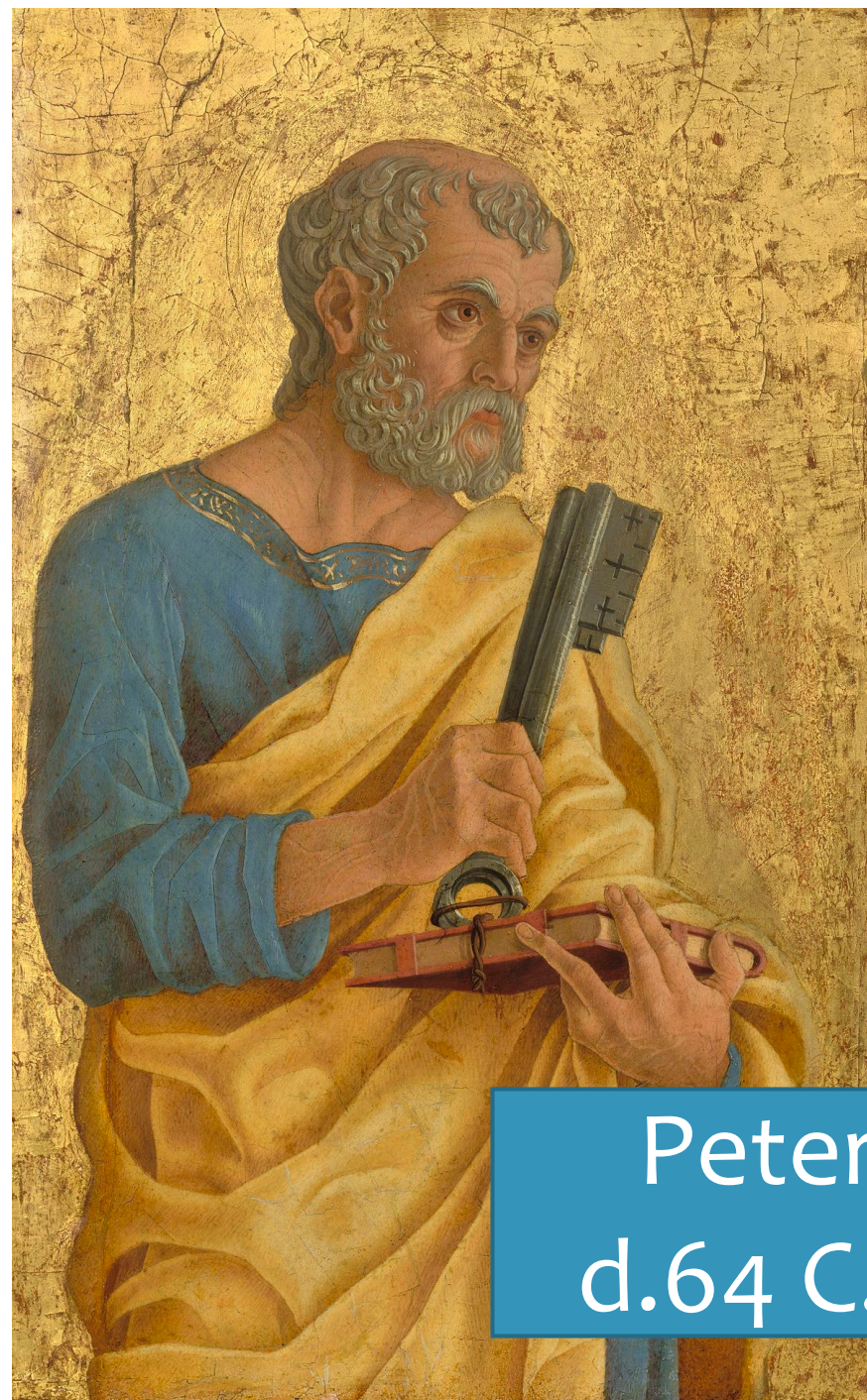


# Spread of Christianity

## SYNCRETISM

(with Mithraism?)

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



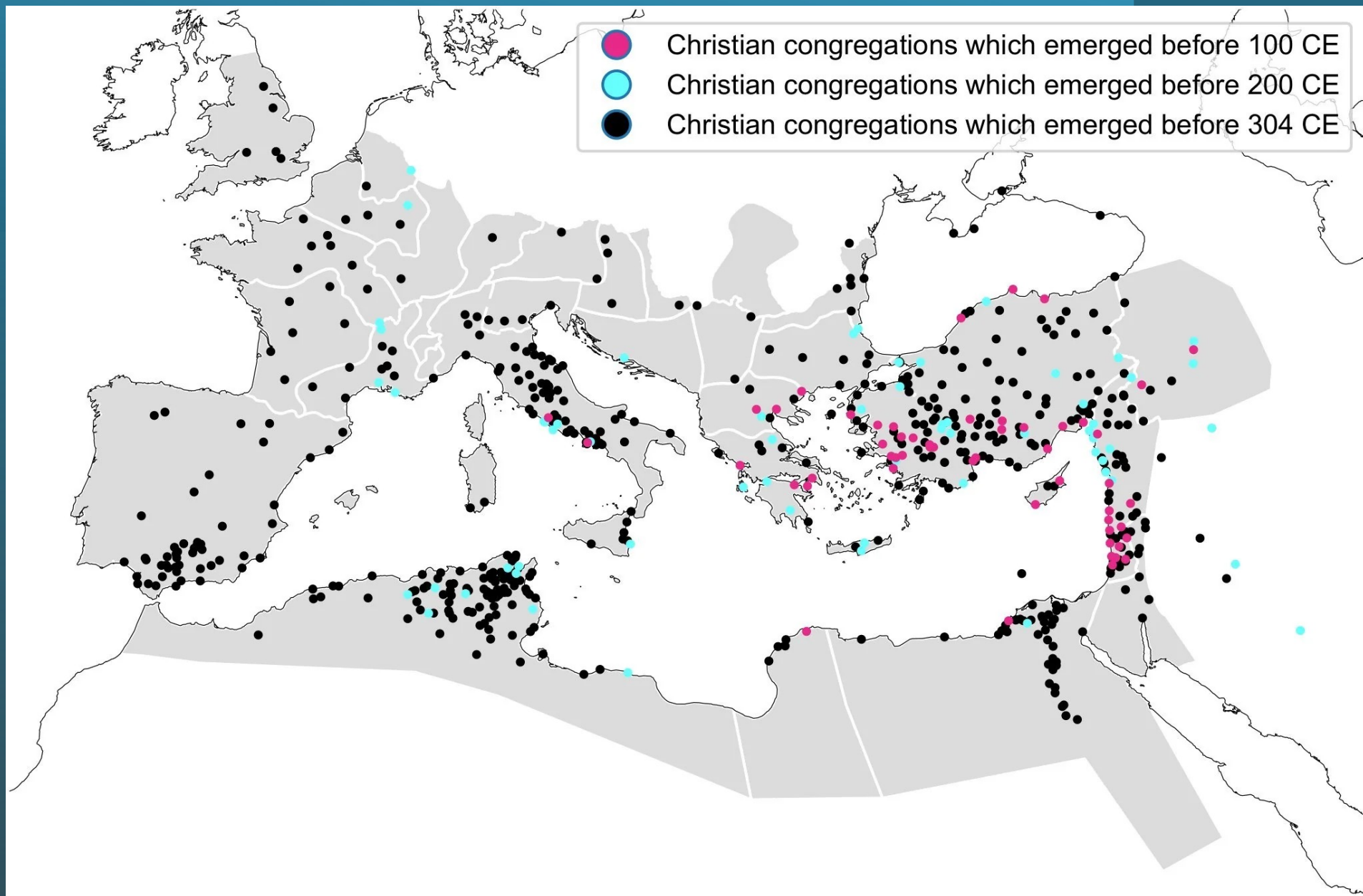
Peter,  
d.64 C.E.

# 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



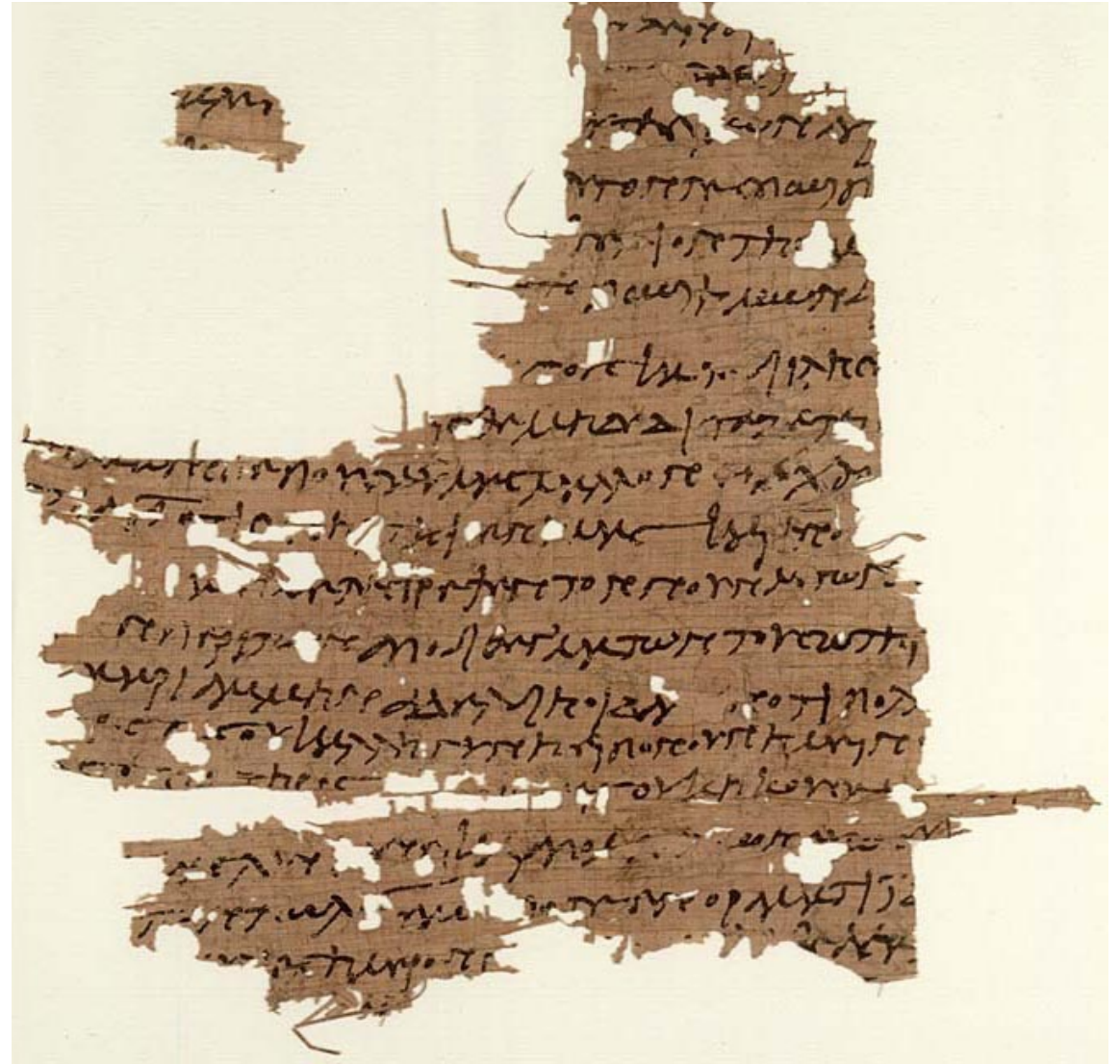
PLUS VERSION OF  
JEWISH SCRIPTURES

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# Gospel of Mary Magdalene

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- Discovered in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Dates from 2<sup>nd</sup> century



# Spread of Christianity

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





# Persecution & Martyrdom

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



# Emperor Constantine

- Battle of Milvian Bridge, 312 CE
- Edict of Milan with Emperor Licinius, 313
- Council of Nicaea, 325 CE



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

# Nicene Creed



- Belief in **one God** who is **omnipotent**
- Belief in the **Trinity**: God is three persons in one (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)
- Belief in the **incarnation** “being made the body of”
- Belief in the **Crucifixion** and **Resurrection**
- Belief in **baptism** for the forgiveness of sins

6<sup>th</sup> century manuscript of the Nicene Creed

# Road to official religion

Battle of  
Milvian  
Bridge

312 CE

Council of  
Nicaea

325 CE

Final accepted  
version of the  
New  
Testament

360 CE

Emperor Theodosius  
declares Christianity  
official state religion  
of the Roman Empire

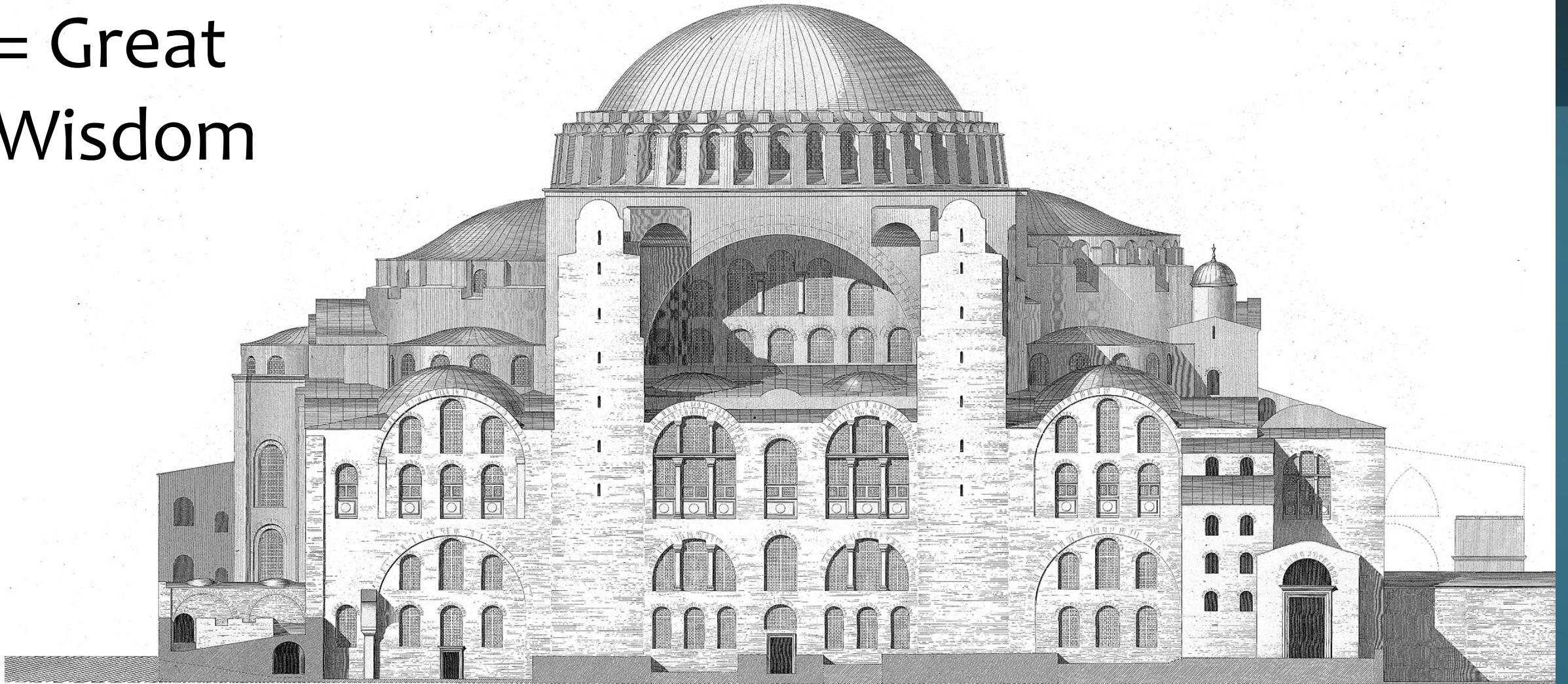
380 CE

# Christian missionaries to northern Europe

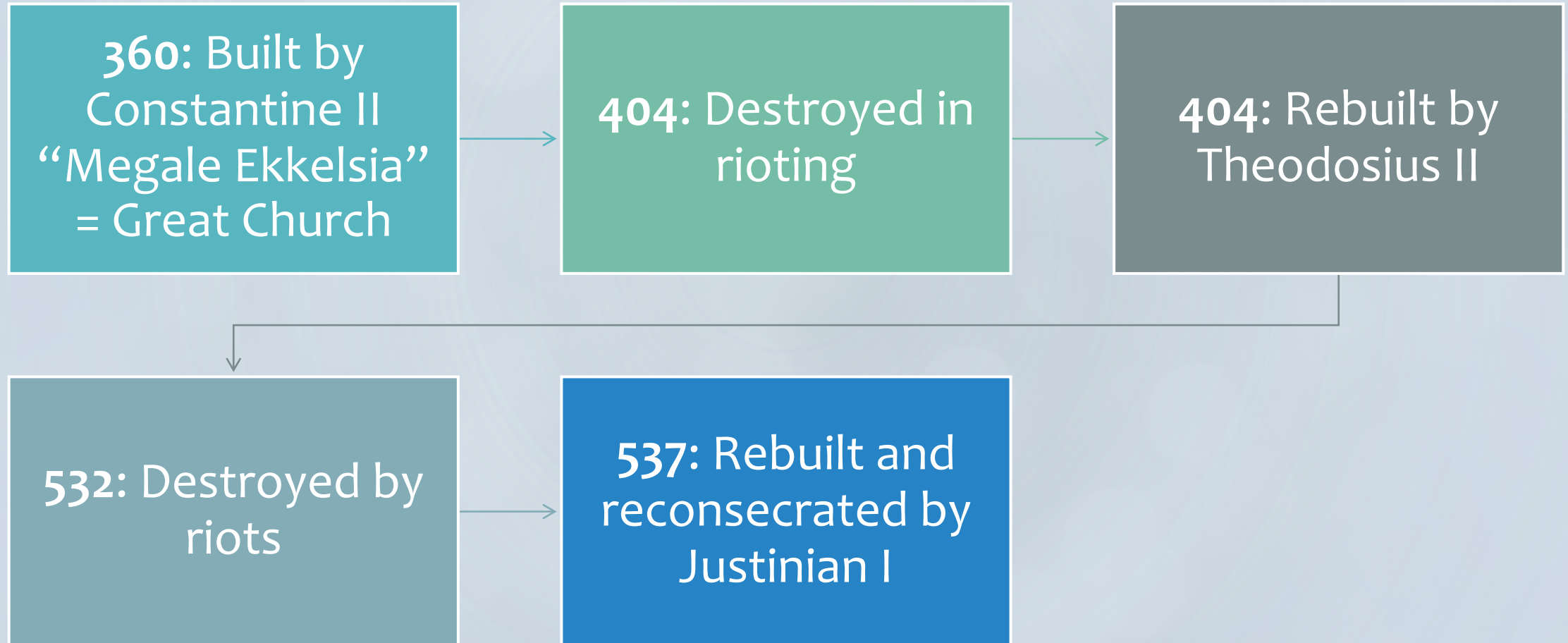
- Baptism of Clovis King of the Franks, 508 C.E.



# Hagia Sophia = Great Wisdom



# Hagia Sophia: History







# Dome of the Hagia Sophia

- “Dome of Heaven”
- Collapsed 558
- Rebuilt 562



# Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque

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- 1453: Conquest of Constantinople; renamed Istanbul; Hagia Sophia = Mosque
- 1935: Hagia Sophia turned into a museum
- 2020: Hagia Sophia turned back into a mosque

