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**Section 4: The Rise of Christianity**

**Jews and the Roman Empire**

* Generally, the Roman Empire tolerated other religions, as long as the citizens also showed loyalty to Roman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Because Judaism was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Roman Empire excused them from this.
* Among Jewish people, deep religious divisions were beginning. Many Jewish people were absorbing ideas from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Some religious leaders fought against this, adhering to an orthodox ideal (strictly observe rules)
* Some priests (called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) called on Jews to revolt and form an independent Israel. They believed that a messiah (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) would lead them to victory.
* This leads to a rebellion, which is crushed by Rome in 66 AD. It flairs up again in 125 AD and Rome levels Jerusalem, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of and forbidden to return -> Diaspora

**The Life of Jesus**

* Jesus grew up as a follower of Judaism and worked as a builder. Around age 30, he began speaking/preaching to groups of people, sometimes performing miracles of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After 3 years he and his followers moved to Jerusalem to spread his teachings.
* The message- He believed in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and followed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (as given to the Jews). He followed the laws of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Jewish prophets. His views differed from Judaism in that he called himself the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and declared himself the messiah. His mission was to bring spiritual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to all who believe in him. He rejected “eye for an eye…” ( \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Code) and preached forgiveness and love. “If anyone hits you on one cheek, let them hit the other one, too.”
* Death on the Cross- Jesus made many enemies. Many Jewish people hated him and saw him as a threat to Judaism. Romans hated him as they saw him as a potential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ leader. He is betrayed by one of his disciples and captured by the Romans. He is executed Roman-style (on the cross). His disciples said that he returned from the dead and commanded them to spread his message. As the apostles spread forth with the message, some Jewish people \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, becoming the first \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (At first, Christianity was a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of Judaism.)

**Spread of Christianity**

* A man known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had a vision in which Jesus spoke to him. (Paul had been one of Jesus’ persecutors.) He converted immediately and began spreading the religion. He decided to convert \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (non-Jews) also. He worked as a missionary, setting up churches from Mesopotamia to Rome. He wrote letters and helped solidify Christian communities.
* Roman persecution of Christians began mainly because Christians wouldn’t make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to Roman Gods or the Emperor. Also, Christians had secret meetings (like in catacombs), leading to stereotypes of evil practices. Emperor Nero was a huge persecutor of Christians and made many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (people who suffer/die for their beliefs) inc. Paul
* Survival- to survive, Christianity mixed in elements of Greek thought/philosophy making it attractive to educated Romans. Also, martyrs increased the appeal of a religion (if someone will die for it…)
* Role of women- women served as teachers and administrators. Early Christianity was fairly open on gender equality (later women were barred from these roles).

**The Early Christian Church**

* Early Christian groups began organizing local churches, and each community had its own priest. Priests came under the authority of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (responsible for all Christians in an area called a diocese). As these areas grew larger, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_were put in charge of groups of bishops. This led to a development of a strict \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by rank (only men were allowed to be clergy)
* Divisions and Unity-Rivalries developed among various areas (like Jerusalem, Rome, and Constantinople). The bishop of Rome became the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, head of the Roman Catholic Church. In other areas, they had different leaders. To try to settle disputes, they put together the 27 books of the bible and called it the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They also sent out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(to convert people) and battled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (beliefs contrary to Christina teachings)
* Triumph- in 313 AD Emperor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ issued the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guaranteeing freedom of worship to all people. 393 AD Emperor Theodosius made it the official religion of the Roman Empire.
* After the Roman Empire collapsed, the churches took over many of their functions and preserved knowledge throughout the Dark Ages…