How Christianity Conquered the Roman Empire Historical Documentary

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3. Ancient Romans are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_… Mars for war, Mercury the god of commerce, Jupiter is the god of all. Roman’s believe that their gods walk among them directly affecting their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the city.
4. In contrast, Christians believe in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ god.
5. Religion and the Roman state are so closely bound together that a threat to one is seen as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the other.
6. The early Christians are seen as\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and don’t pose a threat. It was peculiar to a Roman’s point of view because it originated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a particular individual and that individual was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a criminal.
7. The Christians messages spread via Roman\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ routes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ systems, and finally to the imperial authorities.
8. In AD 64 the worst \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Rome’s history burns 70% of Rome. Emperor Nero blamed the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, even though some people believe that he set it himself to expand his castle.
9. The apostle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is killed by the hand of Nero and it becomes a recruiting agent for Christianity.
10. Christians are driven \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provoking rumors such as:
	1. They believed Christians were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.
	2. Believed they engaged in incest because they referred to each other as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
	3. They heard they ate the body and blood of the man their god, so Roman’s believed Christians were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Most early converts were\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, spreading the message within their home. Women adopted Christianity because to them it was a way of preserving their\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
12. The message that all are equal in the sight of god means that Christianity…\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slaves, men, women, rich, poor…you needed to pay \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to worship Jesus.
13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people were attracted to the church because of the social institutions the church was providing…if you were poor the church would take care of you, if you needed a job they would find you one, if you needed food the Christians would provide you with food.
14. The Christians have a high rate of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, low infant mortality, increased life expectancy, the march of the Christians is unstoppable. It just takes times. By the time of 250 AD there was approximately 1.1million Christians.
15. The Romans and Christians frequently clashed over\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Roman’s believed that if you didn’t sacrifice you brought destruction to the city. But Christians believed that sacrifice to anyone but their god was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is why Rome kills Christians…because they refuse to sacrifice.
16. Rome saw the Christians as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and they died as common criminals.
17. The persecutions led to the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the cult of the martyr.
18. Upper class people were attracted by the philosophical ideas, because of the social structures they would assume \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the church because they were wealthy and literate. They received POWER.
19. The Bishop of Rome claims \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the other bishops from other areas, mimicking the structure of the Roman government.
20. 303 AD the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_begins. Diocletian plots to decapitate the Christian movement. Scriptures and places of worship are to be destroyed….The persecutions were directed at the elite. Up to 5000 people die.
21. Constantine tells his army that he should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the god of the Christians. Constantine wins and is converted to Christianity.
22. Constantine bishops \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the books they deemed important and that is what makes up the New Testament.
23. Constantine gives power to the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, binding the Roman state with the Christian church.
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