

World Religions

Chapter 12: Christianity

Guiding Questions

1. How did the conditions in Palestine in particular and the Roman world in general lay the groundwork for belief in a messiah?
2. Contrast what is known historically about the life of Jesus with the writings of the four gospels.
3. What was the Emperor Constantine's importance to Christianity and how does the split between the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches occur?
4. What were the causes of the Protestant Reformation? What impact does this have on Europe in the 16th century and beyond?
5. Compare Liberation theology and fundamentalism as modern Christian movements.

Reading Schedule

3/14 Monday: pp. 270-279

3/16 Wednesday: pp. 280-288 (to "Augustine...")

3/17 Thursday: pp. 288-293 (to "The Protestant...")

3/21 Monday: pp. 293-298 (to "Modern...")

4/4 Monday: pp. 298-309

Test: Friday, April 8th

Be familiar with the meaning and importance of the following terms: Gnostic, heretical, Reformation, Counter-Reformation, Council of Nicaea, Council of Trent, Jesuits, Immaculate Conception, papal infallibility, bodily assumption of Mary, Inquisition, Crusades

Be familiar with the following people and their importance to Christianity: Jesus, Augustus Caesar, Pontius Pilate, John the Baptist, Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Simon Peter, James, Stephen, Paul, Diocletian, Constantine, Augustine, Simeon Stylites, Benedict, Jerome, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther,

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Be familiar with the importance and basic contents of the following Christian texts:
Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; The New Testament, The Old Testament,
Beatitudes, Apostles' Creed

Be prepared to answer and support the Guiding Questions