

Aim: How did Christianity impact the Roman Empire?

I Origins

- a. Birth of Jesus 4 BCE
- b. Preached faith, hope, love and salvation
- c. Seen by Romans as a threat and revolutionary
- d. 33 years old Crucified for his beliefs

II Paul

- a. Missionary after Jesus' death
- b. Converted Jews to Christianity
- c. Spread Christianity
- d. Laid the foundations for church and sacraments
- e. Gospel- New Testament are accounts of his life teachings

III Appeal

- a. Emotionalism
- b. 3rd century was the age of anxiety
- c. Christianity offered hope, comfort and solace
- d. Salvation for both men and women

IV Jews

- a. 132 CE Jews rebelled again
- b. Dispersed, second Diaspora

V Persecution

- a. Nero 64 CE
- b. Anti-Christian laws
- c. Under Valerian, Gallus and Diocletian persecution reached its height
- d. Emperor Constantine made Christianity tolerable (Edict of Milan)
- e. Theodosius made Christianity the empires religion