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Chapter 2

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 01

1) Why is the New Testament a problematic source for understanding the historical Jesus?

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- *a. It is more concerned with the meaning of his ministry than fact
- b. It is an objective biography of Jesus that omits important symbolism
- c. The Gospels were not written until several centuries after Jesus' death
- d. The Gospels are aimed exclusively at a Roman audience

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 02

2) Which of the following best describes the growth of Christianity in the West?

Feedback: Rise of Christianity

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- a. Immediately popular among Jews only
- b. State-supported from the start
- *c. Slow, uncertain, and subject to persecution
- d. Driven by violence

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 03

3) _____ is the term for a divinely appointed savior in the Jewish tradition.

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- a. Messiah

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 04

4) Which of the following Jewish sects refers to spiritual reformers who sought mystical union with the divine?

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- a. Pharisees
- b. Sadducees
- c. Zealots
- *d. Essenes

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 05

5) How did the Roman religion typically treat other polytheisms?

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- a. It rejected them as enemy religions
- *b. It accommodated and incorporated them
- c. It replaced its own deities with new ones
- d. It paid no attention to them

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 06

6) Which of the following are properties of mystery religions? (Select all that apply)

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- *a. A priesthood that held spiritual power
- b. Veneration of the *Lares*
- c. State-based rituals
- *d. Belief in sacred and eternal mysteries

Type: fill-in-blank

Title: Chapter 02 Question 07

7) _____ was the individual primarily responsible for spreading Christianity widely and highlighting its distinction from Judaism.

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- a. Paul

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 08

8) Which of the following contributed to Roman persecution of Christians? (Select all that apply)

Feedback: The Problem of Persecution

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- a. Christian belief in a god other than those the Romans worshipped
- *b. Christian tendencies to worship privately
- *c. Christian refusal to serve in the Roman army
- *d. Christian denunciation of state gods

Type: fill-in-blank

Title: Chapter 02 Question 09

9) _____ was the emperor who inflicted the worst persecution on Christians.

Feedback: The Problem of Persecution

Section reference: p. 41

- a. Diocletian

Type: fill-in-blank

Title: Chapter 02 Question 10

10) _____ means a system of rational thought that elucidates divine mysteries, serving as the cornerstone of religion.

Feedback: The Problem of Heresy

Section reference: p. 43

- a. Theology

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 11

11) Which of the following best describes the state of early Christianity around the age of persecutions?

Feedback: The Problem of Heresy

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- a. A clear, central authority that dictated doctrine
- b. A series of authorities that all agreed on doctrine
- c. A single community that misinterpreted Jesus' teachings
- *d. A fractured series of communities that struggled to define doctrine

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 12

12) Which heresies threatened the doctrinal unity of early Christianity? (Select all that apply)

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- a. Catharism
- *b. Donatism
- c. Gnosticism
- *d. Arianism

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 13

13) Which of the following is NOT a contribution Constantine made to the growth of Christianity in the fourth century?

Feedback: Constantine and Theodosius

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- *a. Requiring all Roman citizens to convert to Christianity
- b. Building basilicas like St Peter's
- c. Legally ending imperial persecution
- d. Educating and providing resources for priests

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 14

14) What purpose did the Nicene Creed serve?

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- a. It placed the emperor in charge of the Christian Church
- b. It established a precedent of flexibility regarding Christian doctrine
- *c. It laid out a formal declaration of orthodox Christian beliefs
- d. It reconciled Arian and orthodox Christian beliefs

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 15

15) What event of 391 CE decisively cleared a path for Christianity's growth?

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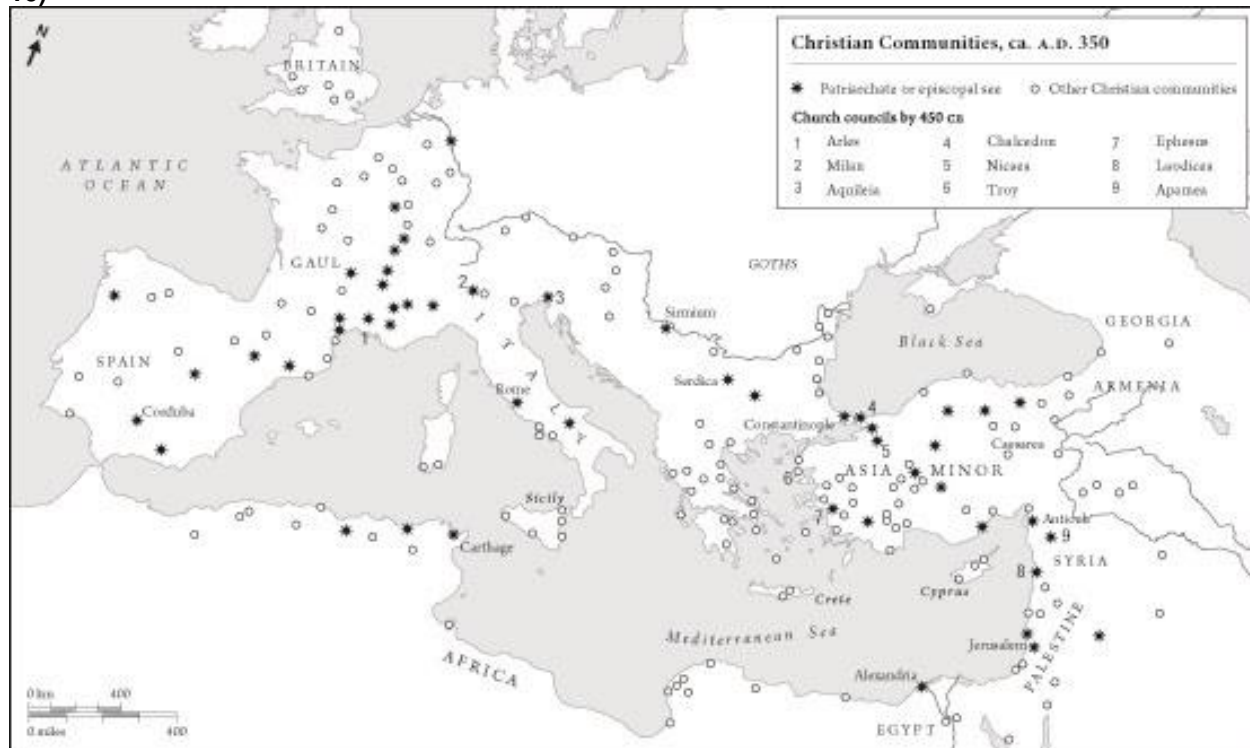
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- *a. Theodosius declared Christianity the official religion of the empire
- b. Theodosius declared Christianity one of the official religions of the empire
- c. Constantine converted to Christianity
- d. Constantine passed the Edict of Milan

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 16

16)



What is true about the church councils called before 450 CE?

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- a. They are geographically centered around Rome
- *b. They are geographically diverse, from Western Europe to the Near East
- c. They all occur in Western Europe
- d. They all occur in the Near East

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Title: Chapter 02 Question 17

17)



What figures does this painting depict?

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- a. Saints martyred by Diocletian
- b. Emperors who supported Christianity
- c. The leaders of heresies
- *d. The Latin Doctors

Type: fill-in-blank

Title: Chapter 02 Question 18

18) _____ refers to St Jerome's translation of the Bible into Latin.

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- a. Vulgate

Type: multiple choice question

Title: Chapter 02 Question 19

19) What philosophy inspired St Augustine to focus on the difference between the material and spiritual worlds?

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- a. Manichaeism
- *b. Neo-Platonism
- c. Donatism
- d. Aristotelianism

Type: fill-in-blank

Title: Chapter 02 Question 20

20) The sack of _____ heralded the end of the world for many fifth-century people.

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Section reference: p. 56

a. Rome