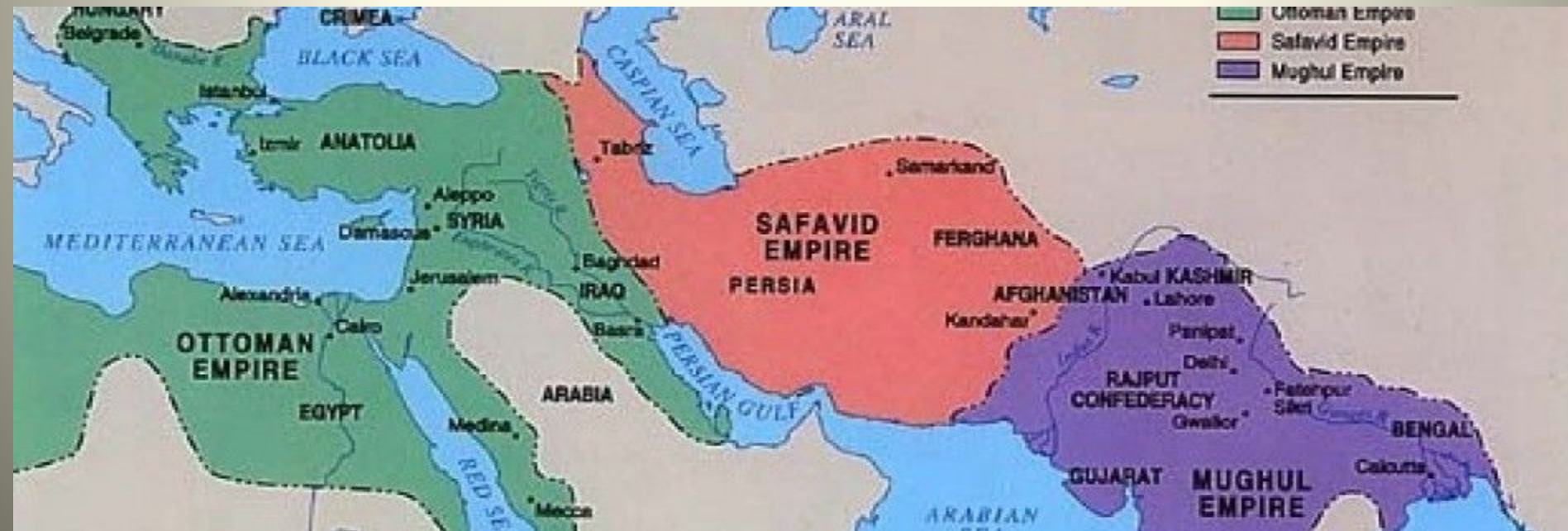


# SILENT Bell Ringer

- List 3 accomplishments of the Islamic Empires
- *I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?*



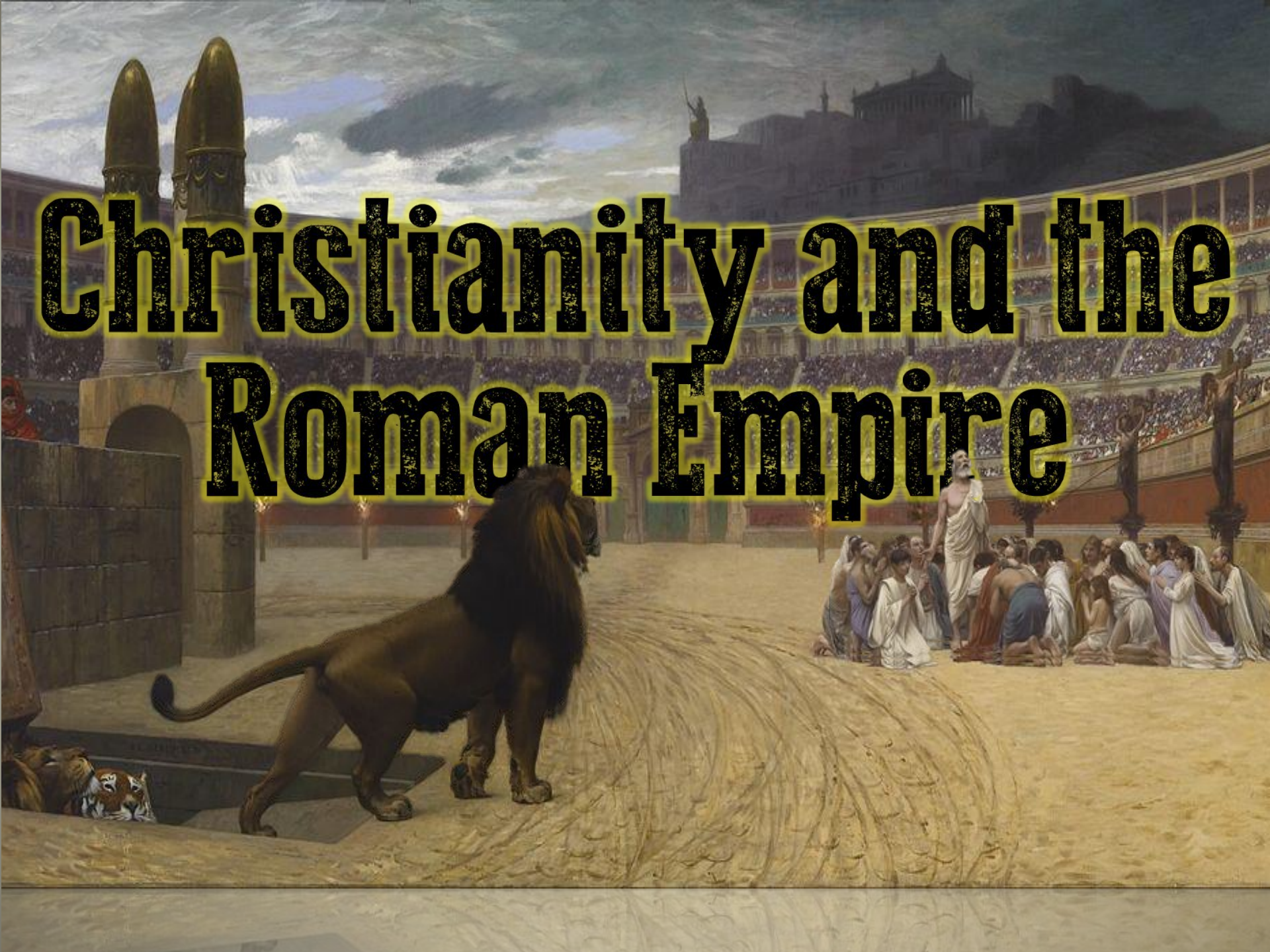
# Schedule

Objective: I can analyze the impact of Christianity on the Roman Empire

- Christianity Notes
- CC - Christianity



# Christianity and the Roman Empire



# Religion in Rome

- Romans were polytheistic
- They incorporated gods of many cultures
- People show loyalty by honoring Roman gods and the emperor





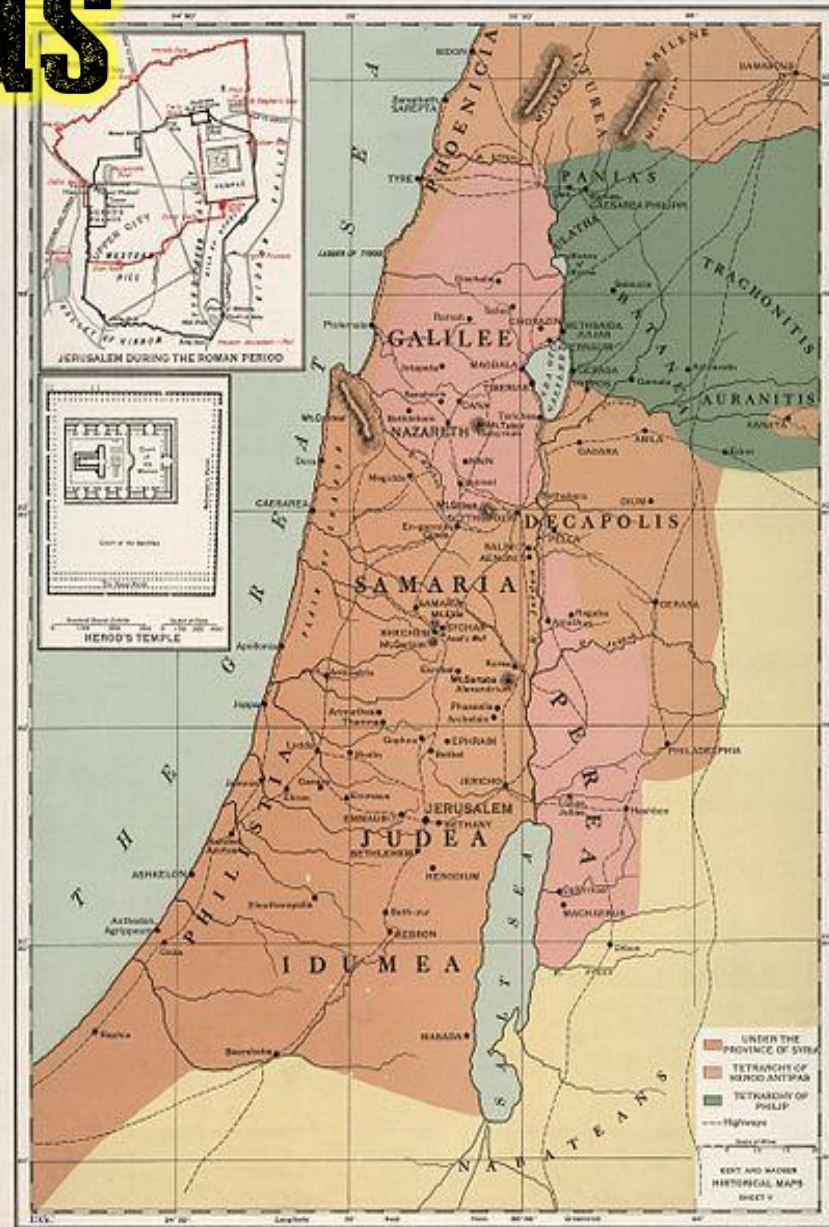
# Jews in the Roman Empire

- Jews were excused from worshipping the Roman gods
- They were waiting for the messiah
- They absorbed many Greek customs
- Wanted a return to tradition & led a revolt against Rome



# The Life of Jesus

- Jesus was a Jew from Galilee, who preached from about AD 30 – 33
- He believed in Jewish roots
- He practiced monotheism
- Followed the Ten Commandments



PALESTINE IN THE TIME OF JESUS, 4 BC-30 AD.  
(INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF HEROD, 40-4 B.C.)



- Jesus preached a new message than what had been heard before

- He said he was the Messiah and Son of God and that salvation was available to all believers

- His “Sermon on the Mount” becomes the moral teaching of Christianity

# The Life of Jesus





# The Death of Jesus

- Jewish leaders in Rome felt challenged
- Romans were afraid Jesus could lead rebellion
- Jesus was arrested and crucified
- His followers said he rose and ascended to heaven





# The Spread of Christianity

- The Disciples spread Christian teachings to other Jews
- The Apostle Paul converted, preached to non-Jews & set up new churches across the Roman Empire



# Persecution of Christians

- Christians were suspected of disloyalty & evil practices
- They were blamed for social ills of the Roman Empire
- Christian numbers grew anyways due to inclusion and devotion to beliefs





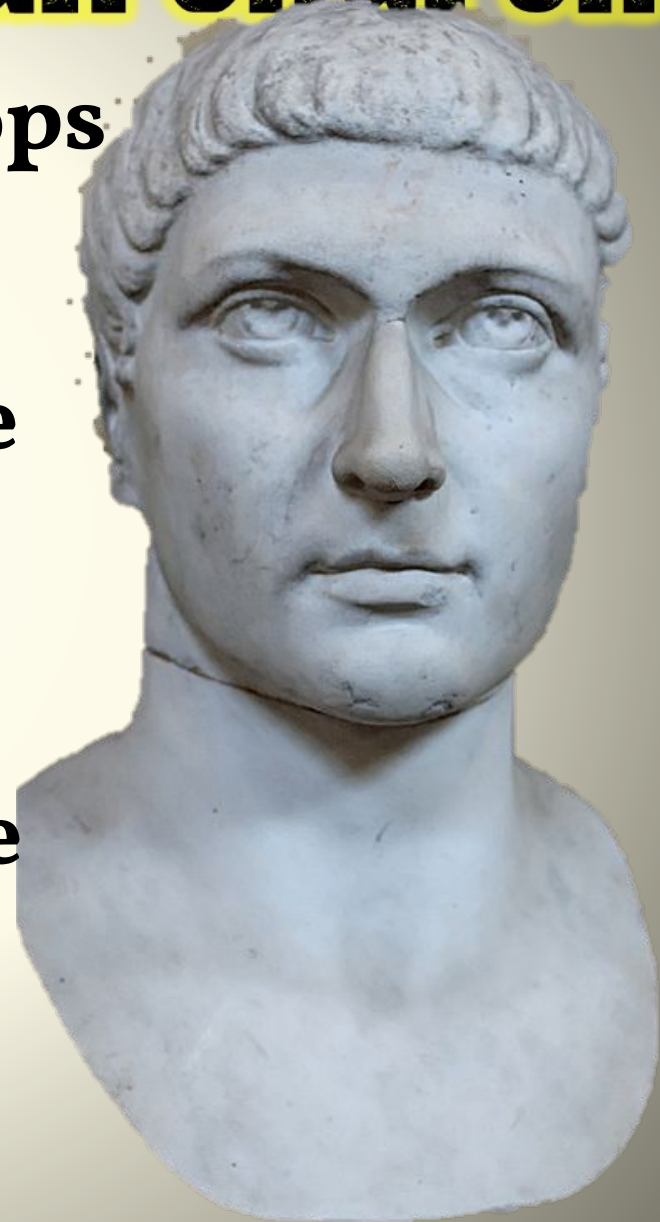
# The Appeal of Christianity

- Was attractive to all classes
- Christianity did not discriminate by gender or class
- Women could participate
- Had a promise of salvation for all



# The Early Christian Church

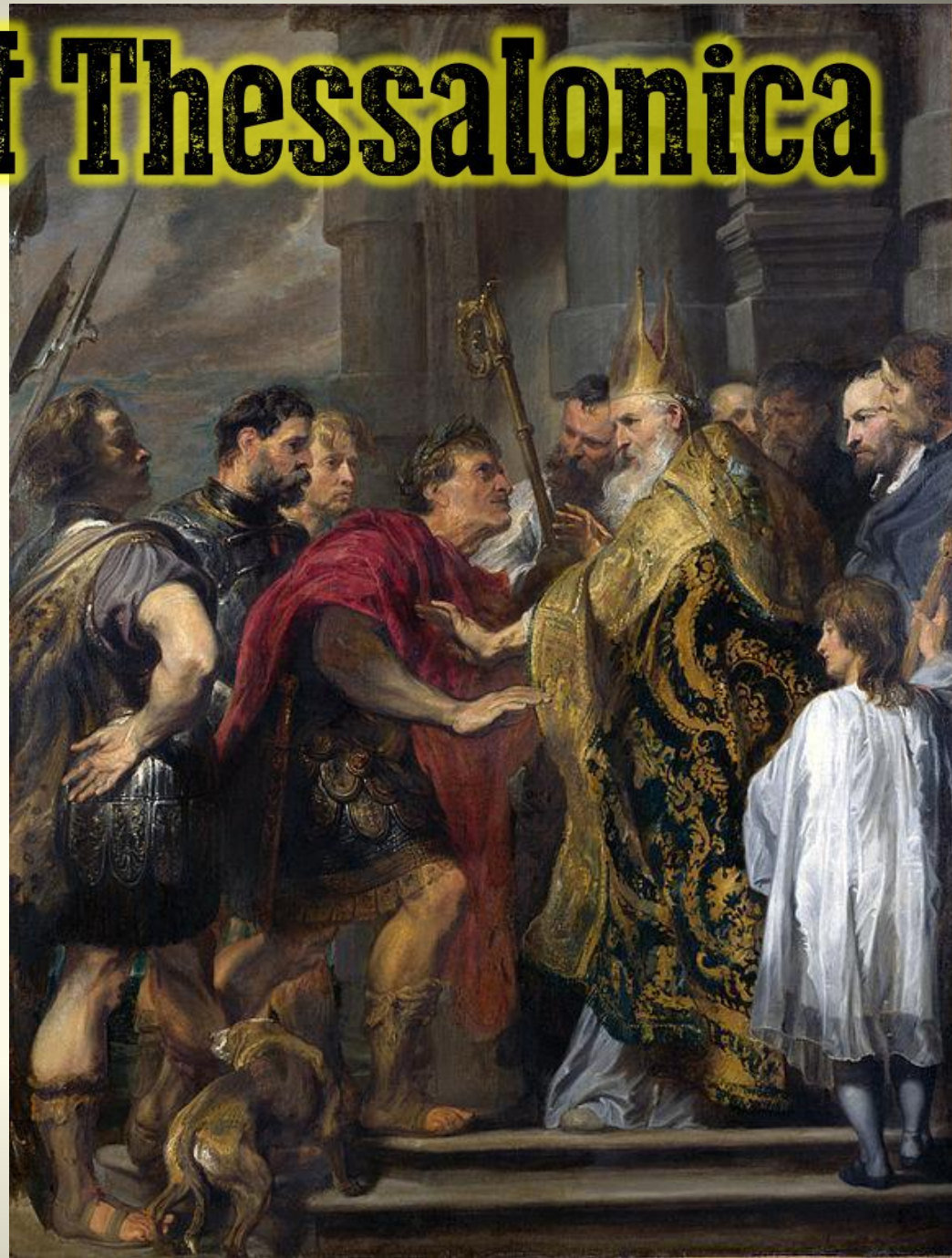
- Was organized with bishops leading each area
- The Emperor Constantine converts in 312
- The Edict of Milan issued by Constantine in 313 gave freedom of worship to Romans





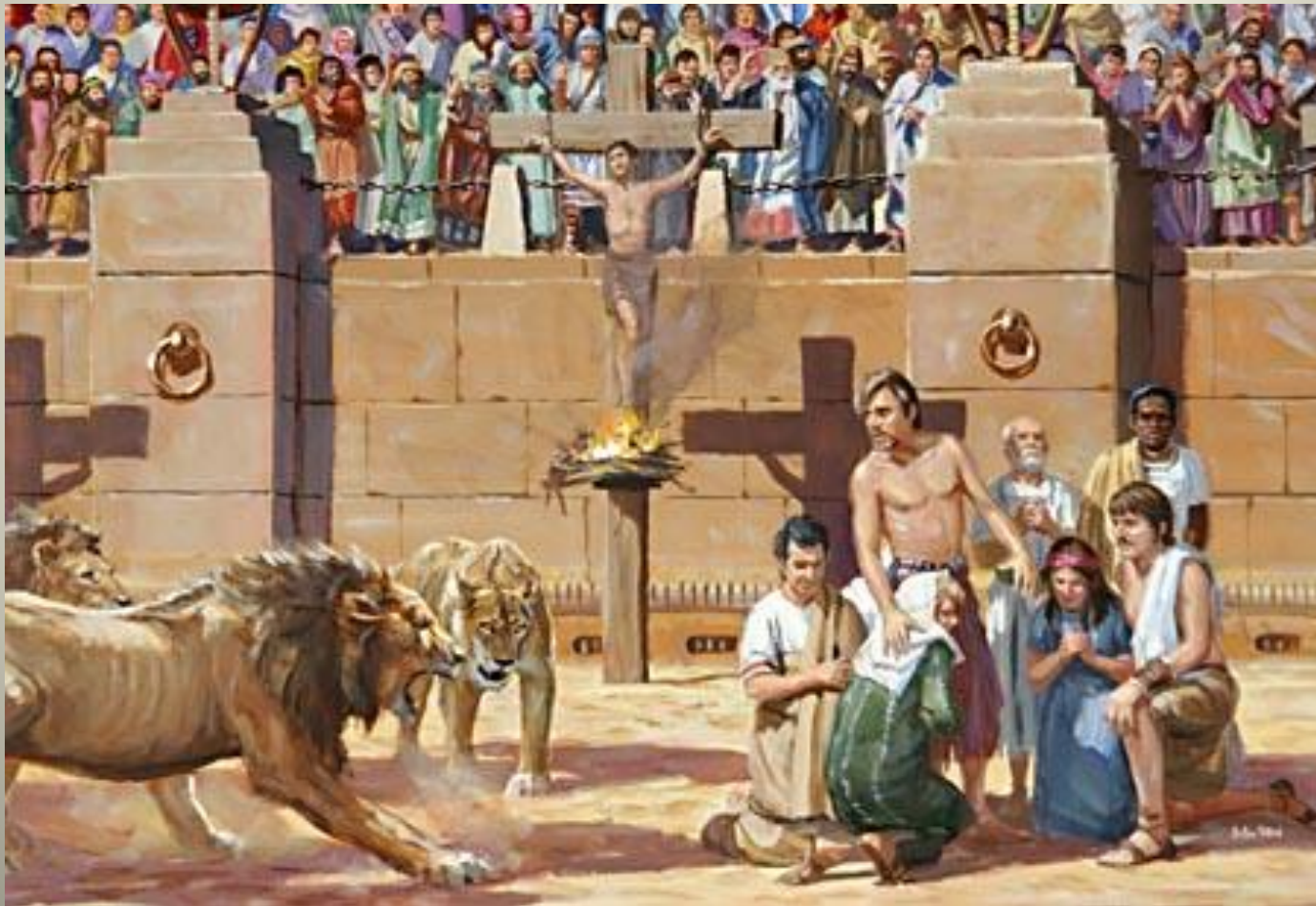
# The Edict of Thessalonica

- Was issued in 380 AD by Emperor Theodosius
- Made Christianity the state religion of the Roman Empire





**Why do you think Christianity was able to grow in Rome despite the persecution of early followers?**





# Crash Course



# Crash Course - Ed Puzzle

<https://edpuzzle.com/media/5d9debbb6a3afc40bo71ifeo>



# Nero Persecutes the Christians

- Read through the article - be an active reader (annotate the text!)
- Answer the questions at the end
- Submit when finished and work on unfinished work