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Chapter 2

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Type: multiple choice question
Title: Chapter 02 Question 01
1) Why is the New Testament a problematic source for understanding the historical Jesus?
Feedback: Rise of Christianity
Page reference: 28
***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

Type: multiple choice question
Title: Chapter 02 Question 02
2) Which of the following best describes the growth of Christianity in the West?
Feedback: Rise of Christianity
Page reference: 30
a. Immediately popular among Jews only
b. State-supported from the start
***c.** Slow, uncertain, and subject to persecution
d. Driven by violence

Type: fill-in-blank
Title: Chapter 02 Question 03
3) _____ is the term for a divinely appointed savior in the Jewish tradition.
Feedback: Rise of Christianity
Section reference: p. 30
a. Messiah

Type: multiple choice question
Title: Chapter 02 Question 04
4) Which of the following Jewish sects refers to spiritual reformers who sought mystical union with the divine?
Feedback: Before Christ
Page reference: 31
a. Pharisees
b. Sadducees
c. Zealots
***d.** Essenes

Type: multiple choice question
Title: Chapter 02 Question 05
5) How did the Roman religion typically treat other polytheisms?
Feedback: Growth of the New Religion
Page reference: 33
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

Type: multiple response question
Title: Chapter 02 Question 06

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6) Which of the following are properties of mystery religions? (Select all that apply)
Feedback: Growth of the New Religion
Page reference: 31
*__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.
Feedback: Growth of the New Religion
Section reference: 29
__a.__ Paul

Type: multiple response question
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
Page reference: 40
__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

Type: multiple choice question
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
Page reference: 43
__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)
Feedback: The Problem of Heresy

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Page reference: 44
a. Catharism
***b.** Donatism
c. Gnosticism
***d.** Arianism

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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
Page reference: 46-47
***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

Type: multiple choice question
Title: Chapter 02 Question 14
14) What purpose did the Nicene Creed serve?
Feedback: Constantine and Theodosius
Page reference: 47
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

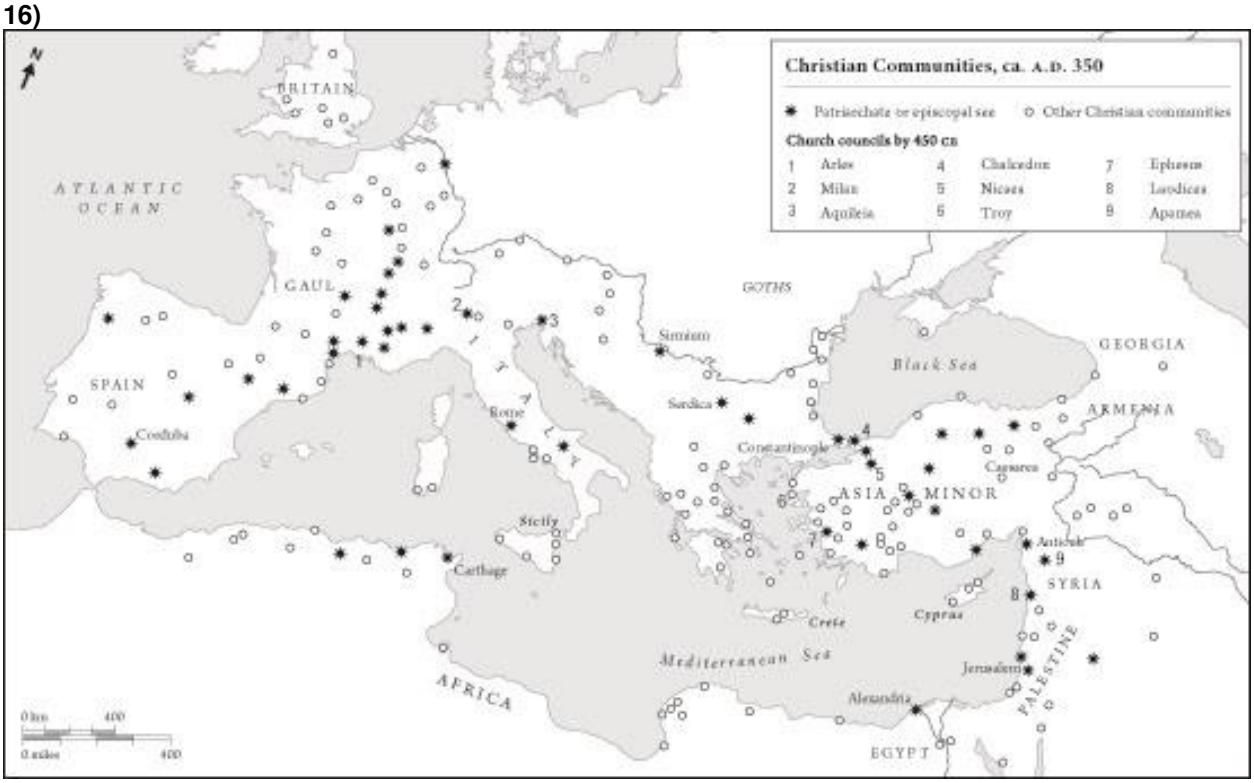
Type: multiple choice question
Title: Chapter 02 Question 15
15) What event of 391 CE decisively cleared a path for Christianity's growth?
Feedback: Constantine and Theodosius
Page reference: 49
***a.** Theodosius declared Christianity the official religion of the empire
b. Theodosius declared Christianity 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?
Feedback: Constantine and Theodosius
Page reference: 51
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?
Feedback: Responses to Imperialization
Page reference: 53
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.
Feedback: Responses to Imperialization
Section reference: p. 55
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?
Feedback: Responses to Imperialization
Page reference: 57
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.
Feedback: Responses to Imperialization
Section reference: p. 56

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a. Rome

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