

Chapter 7, Section 4
"Christianity and the Roman Empire"

1. According to the Bible, a Jewish religious teacher named _____ gave the Sermon on the Mount. This sermon and its meaning are an important part of the religion called _____. Over time, that religion would spread (throughout the Empire / only in the East).

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2. Romans (were / were not) tolerant of different customs and religions. Conquered people (did / did not) have to show loyalty to Roman gods and the emperor.

3. Romans conquered the Jewish homeland of _____ in 63 B.C. Many Jews believed that a _____, or savior, would come to bring justice and freedom to the land. A new ruler of Judaea, named _____, was appointed by the Roman senate in 37 B.C. It was during his reign in Judaea that Jesus was born in the town of _____.

4. Stories about what Jesus taught and how he lived are found in the (Old Testament / New Testament), a part of the Christian Bible. After Jesus died, his _____, or followers, told stories about his life and teaching. List the four men whose stories are known as the four Gospels:

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5. According to the New Testament, Jesus grew up in Nazareth and learned to be a (carpenter / soldier). When he was about (50 / 30) years old, he began traveling and preaching. Like all Jewish teachers, he preached that there were (only one God / many Gods and Goddesses). His followers (did / did not) believe he was their Messiah.

6. Some people were alarmed-thinking that Jesus was teaching that God was greater than the (pharaoh / emperor). The Roman governor condemned Jesus to death and he was _____, or put to death on a cross. According to the Gospels, Jesus (rose from the dead / departed forever) and spoke to his disciples, telling them to spread his teachings.

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