

Origins of Christianity

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Birthplace of Jesus



Map of Judea: This map identifies where Jesus was born and where he grew up. This map shows the Mediterranean Sea on the left. Jerusalem and Bethlehem can be found in the south just south of Nazareth. The Dead Sea is in the southeast and the Jordan river runs north and south on the east side of the map.

The Life and Death of Jesus of Nazareth

- Jesus of Nazareth was born at the end of the first century BC.
- Much of what we know about Jesus is contained in the **Bible**, the holy book of Christianity. The Bible is made up of two parts.
- The first part of the Bible is called the Old Testament, which is mostly the same as the Hebrew Bible.
- The second part, the New Testament, tells the story of Jesus and the early history of Christianity.

Christian Holidays

A painting depicting the birth of Jesus. A painting that shows a woman holding a baby and a man is bowing down to him. There are other people standing beside her and there are people and animals behind him. Credit: © Scrovegni Chapel Padua / Dagli Orti (A)/Art Archive



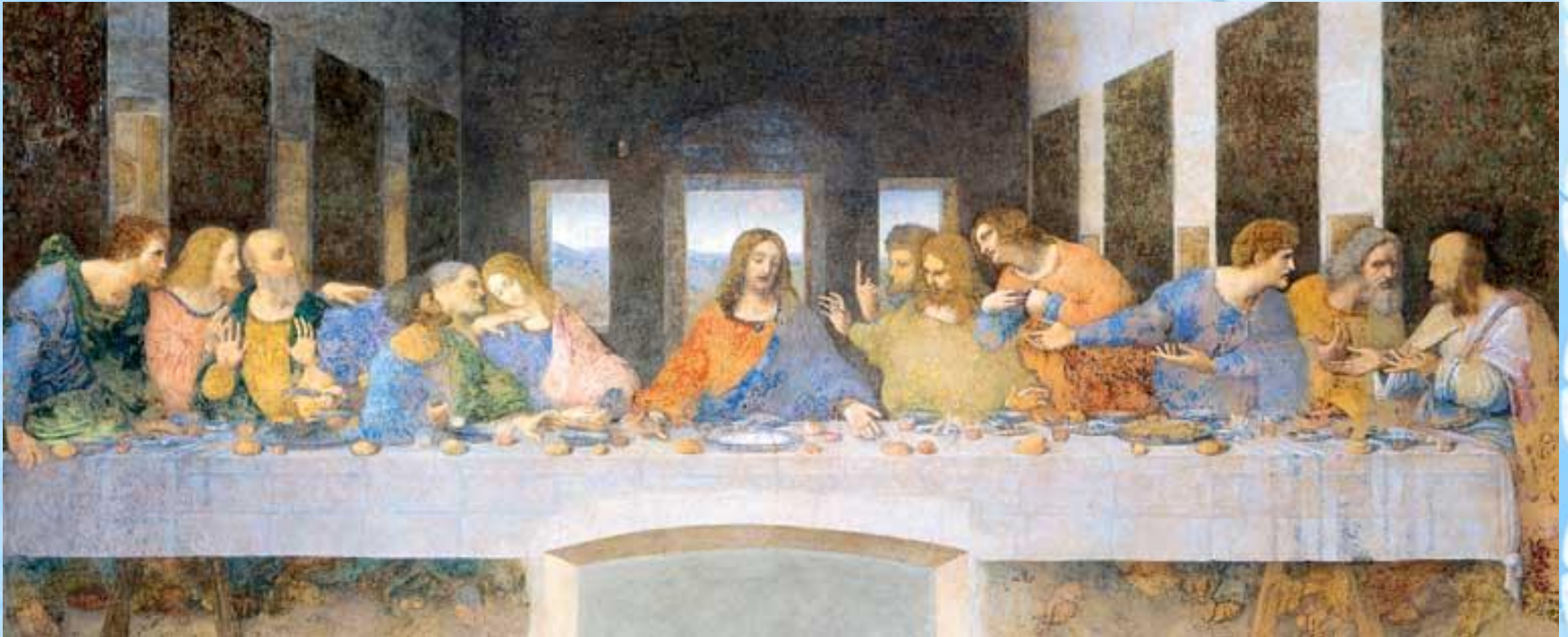
Jesus of Nazareth

- According to the Bible, Jesus was born in Bethlehem to a woman named Mary and her husband, Joseph, who was a carpenter.
- Christians believe that God, not Joseph, was the father of Jesus. When Jesus was about 30, he left his home in Nazareth to travel and teach.
- He gained many followers, but also made enemies.

Jesus of Nazareth

The Roman leaders thought Jesus's teachings challenged their authority. Jesus was arrested and executed by **crucifixion**. Jesus was buried, but Christians believe he rose from the dead three days later. This is called the **Resurrection**. The Bible says that Jesus made many appearances to his **disciples**, or followers, during the next 40 days.

The Last Supper



This famous painting by Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci shows Jesus and his Apostles at the Last Supper. The Last Supper was the last meal they shared before Jesus was arrested. Later, the Apostles would spread Jesus's teachings.

Acts and Teachings

Jesus taught that people should treat others as you would like to be treated yourself. He also said that people should love God like a father. Jesus also taught about salvation, the rescue of people from sin. Jesus said that people who were saved from sin would enter the Kingdom of God when they died.

Acts and Teachings

- Many people have interpreted Jesus's teachings in different ways.
- As a result, many different groups of Christians have been formed.
- However, Christians around the world share some basic beliefs about Jesus and his importance.

Jesus's Followers

- Jesus chose 12 of his disciples, the **Apostles**, to spread the message of Christianity.
- They were close friends and followers chosen and trained by Jesus himself.



Jesus's Followers

However, another man, **Saint Paul**, was the most important figure in the spread of Christianity, although he never met Jesus. Paul traveled to many cities and wrote long letters explaining the meaning of Christianity. Paul did more than anyone else to spread Christian ideals. After he died, Paul was named a **saint**, a person known and admired for his or her holiness.



Paul's Journeys



Paul's Journeys: This map shows the journeys of Paul. There were four journeys. The first on that is indicated by the red arrows shows him traveling between Derbe and Antioch. The second journey illustrated by the purple shows him traveling from Corinth across the Mediterranean Sea to Jerusalem and then north making his way through Asia Minor back to Greece. The third journey, which is the yellow arrow shows a similar journey as his second one except he cut through more to the south in Asia Minor. His fourth