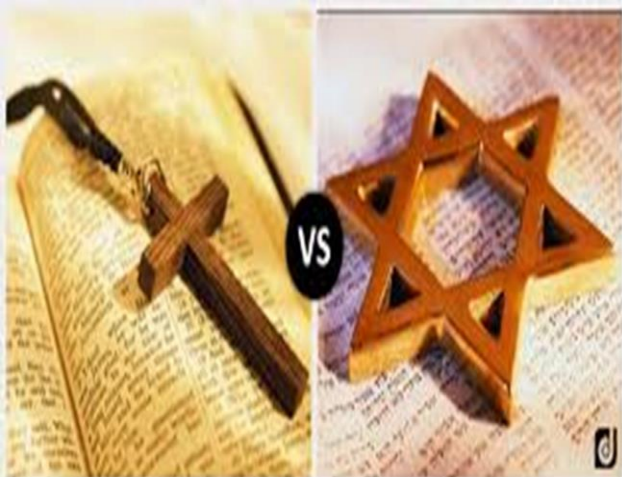


*Aim: How did Christianity
spread?*

Do Now: create a Venn diagram with your group

Judaism versus Christianity

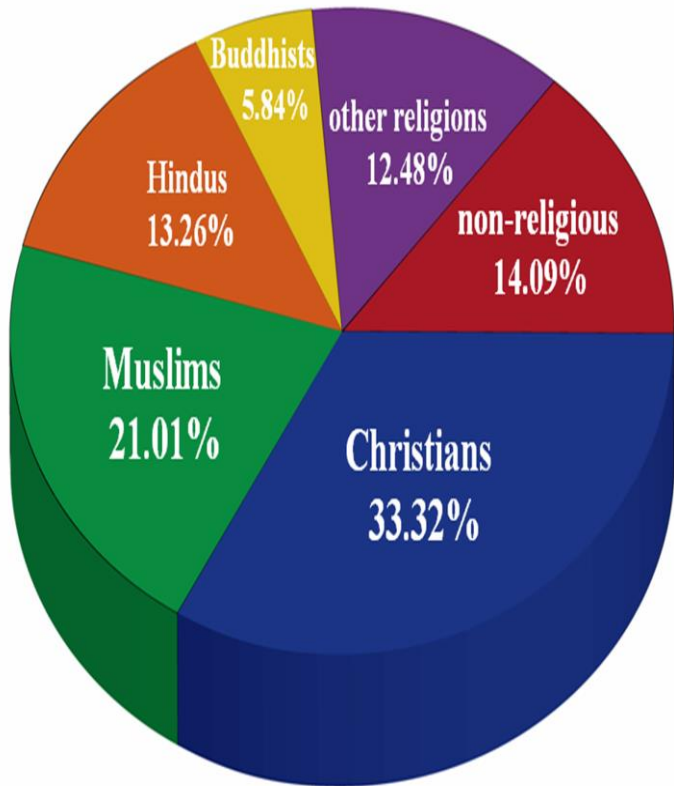


Christianity vs. Judaism

When you get a good one write it on the board!!!!!!!

Why are some reasons that Christianity will become so popular?

World Religions by percentage



What made Christianity so appealing?

- 1) Embraced all people – men, women, slaves, poor, and nobles
- 2) Hope to the powerless
- 3) Against extravagances of the Roman Empire
- 4) Personal relationship with god
- 5) Promised eternal life after death
- 6) Forgiveness, and compassion



How do religions spread?

- 1) Missionaries
- 2) Disciples
- 3) Monasteries
- 4) Violence
- 5) Books/Laws
- 6) Trade/ Empires

One of the people most recognized for the early spread of Christianity is Paul the Apostle (disciple)



- How do we know what we know about Paul and his spread of Christianity?
- What historians know about Paul comes from two sources. The first is the Acts of the Apostles, written after Paul's death. The author of Acts of Apostles claims that he knew Paul and accompanied him on many of his journeys. The second source is Paul's own letters that represent Paul's version of events.

Make an argument: How valuable is Paul as a source of historical information? What are some limitations? Think of other religious texts and figures we have discussed

Mid Assessment

- 1) Why is this area ideal for the spread of religion?
- 2) How is it being spread?





Turn and Talk

- How did Paul feel about the followers of Jesus? How did he treat them? Why?



How does this painting by Michelangelo illustrate the religious change in Paul?

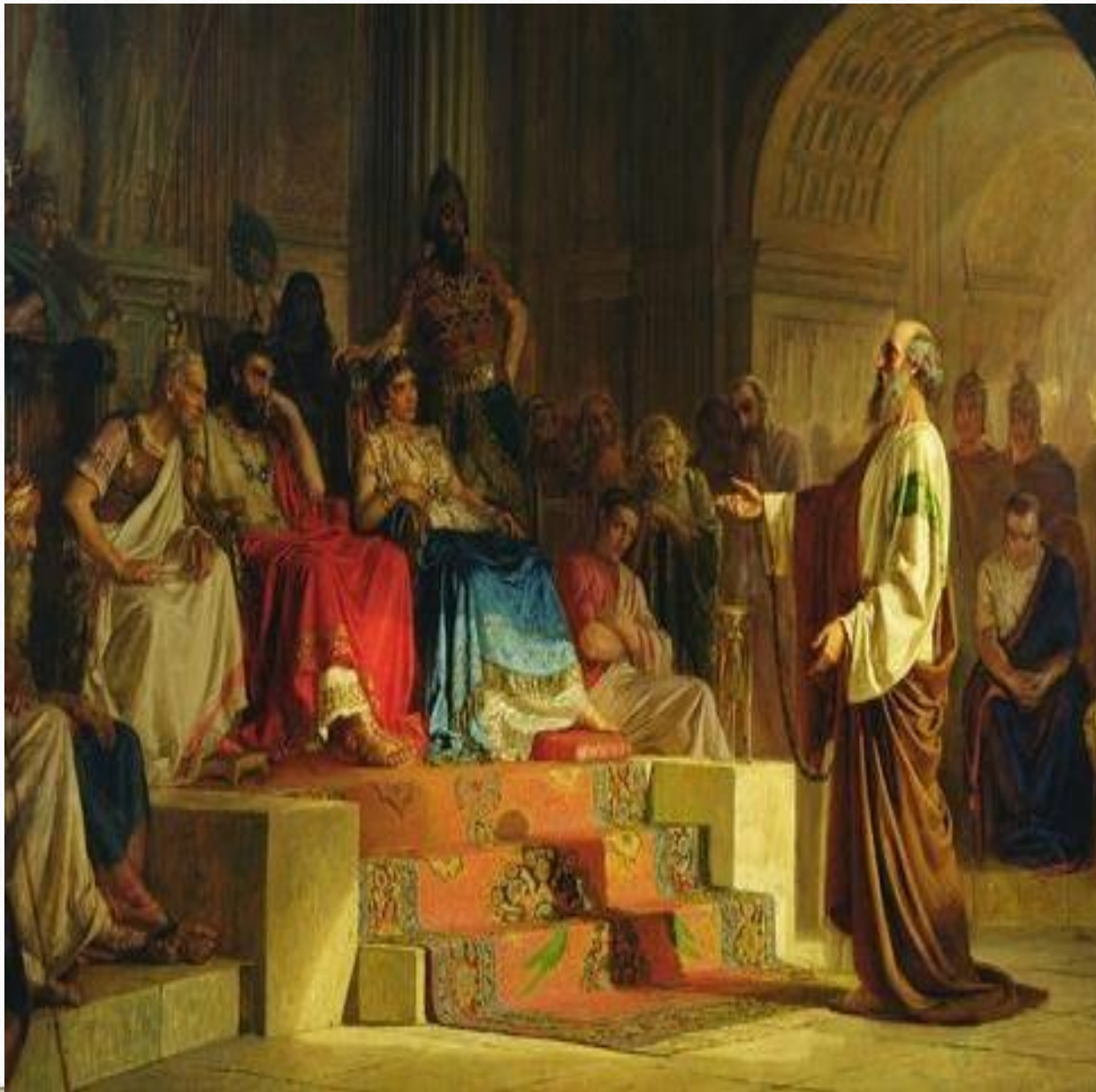
Exit Ticket

- On the other side of the index card: How did Paul impact the spread of Christianity?



Romans Prosecute Jews and Christians

- Jews
- In 70 AD the Romans destroyed the Jewish temple complex all that remains is the western wall (Which today is the holiest Jewish site)
- Romans would kill hundreds of thousands of Jews who were fighting for freedom.
- **Diaspora – Jews being exiled out of their homeland over 1,800 years (Israel)**
- Christians
- **Were also killed for not worshipping Roman gods (Going against Roman rule).**
- Christians were executed, burned, or crucified.
- Many were seen as Martyrs – Sacrifice life for the sake of beliefs



Primary Source Analysis: Christians Responsibility to their Earthly Rulers

- 1) Who does Paul say is the highest power?
- 2) From whom do authorities draw their power?
- 3) What is the meaning of verse #5?
- 4) Explain the meaning of verse #7 as it would apply to a Roman citizen living at the time Paul wrote.
- 5) What is the only thing that one person owes another?
- 6) How does Paul, in verse #9, sum up the Ten Commandments (part of the Jewish Bible)

1. How was Paul's preaching different from Jesus' preaching?
2. How did this help spread Christianity further?



Traveling the Mediterranean World
Over the next 30 years, biblical accounts say that Paul traveled some 10,000 miles across the Roman Empire, preaching in cities with the poorest people who were open to hearing a message of hope and everlasting life. While Jesus had only preached to Jews, Paul felt strongly that the message should be spread more widely, to Jews and non-Jews alike.