

Why Did Christianity Take Hold in the Ancient World?



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Overview: Jesus of Nazareth, also known as Jesus Christ, may be the most widely known person to have ever walked the earth. The religion he inspired, Christianity, is practiced today by about one-third of the world's population. However, Christianity did not have an easy beginning. When it began some 2,000 years ago, it faced enormous obstacles and could easily have died out altogether. This Mini-Q examines how and why Christianity was able to establish a foothold in its earliest years.

The Documents:

Document A: The Good Samaritan (parable)

Document B: Immortality

Document C: The Individual and God

Document D: The Individual and Society

Document E: The Path to Peace (chart)

Document F: The Journeys of Paul (map)

Document G: Letter from Roman Judge Pliny the Younger