The Rise of Christianity
Jews Come Under Roman Rule

• Romans conquered Judea in 63 B.C.E.
• Zealots wanted Romans out.
• Herod was a Romanized Jew who ruled with iron fist.
• In 70 C.E., the Romans destroyed the Jewish Temple.
• Diaspora – the “scattering of the Jews.”
• Had repercussions that still exist today.
Christianity

- Conflicted with polytheistic views of Rome
- Monotheistic
- Jesus = Father, son, and Holy Spirit
- Life after death
- “Turn the other cheek”
BORN AROUND 6 B.C.E. TO 4 B.C.E.

WAS A JEW AND ROMAN CITIZEN

AT AGE 30 HE PREACHED, TAUGHT, DID GOOD WORKS, AND PERFORMED MIRACLES.

HIS TEACHING CONTAINED JEWISH BELIEFS:

1. TEN COMMANDMENTS
2. MONOTHEISM

HE STRESSED INDIVIDUALS PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

REPENTANCE AND FAITH = ETERNAL SALVATION
Jesus’ Entourage

• The 12 Apostles – Jesus’ students and friends who spread the word.

• Wrote sections of the New Testament about his life.

• Peter and Paul were two of most famous.

• Judas sold him out.
Famous Apostles

- **Peter** – the first apostle, first Pope, spread teachings through Syria and Palestine, crucified upside down in Rome.

- **Paul** – used to be Saul, was an enemy of Christianity, had a vision of God in the desert and converted.

- **Judas** – turned on Jesus for 30 pieces of silver, identified him to the guards with a kiss, later he hung himself.
The Last Supper
The Jews brought Jesus to Pontius Pilate
Pontius Pilate (a Roman) crucified Jesus
He was given a crown of thorns and mockingly called “King of The Jews”.
“On the third day he rose again”
Referred to as the “Messiah” – Savior
Christianity gains popularity

- Individual relationship
- Loving God
- “Poor shall inherit the kingdom”
- Early martyrs inspired others
- Life after death
- Words of Love and Forgiveness
- Sense of Purpose
How did Judaism Differ from Christianity?