1. Rise of Christianity
2. Bible – Holy book of the Christians. Made up of Old Testament (39 books) and New Testament (27 books)
3. Jesus of Nazareth
   1. Son of God and God himself according to Christian beliefs
4. Beliefs
   1. Creation of Earth – God created everything in 6 days while resting on the 7th day. 7th day is the Sabbath in which no one should work.
   2. Virgin Birth of Jesus – The Virgin Mary has the Son God and is told of this birth by the angel Gabriel.
   3. Sinless life of Jesus – Jesus lives a sinless life because he is God and cannot sin.
   4. Crucifixion of Jesus
      1. Reason – Jesus was to die for mankind’s sins. Celebrated by Good Friday
      2. Resurrection – Proof of Jesus’ divinity. Celebrated by Easter Sunday
   5. Salvation through grace – Christians believe everyone can enter Heaven through their faith in Jesus Christ
   6. Heaven and Hell – God created Heaven and Hell. Hell was created when Lucifer disobeyed God and cast out of heaven with his followers.
   7. Prayer – Christians, like Jews, believe you can speak directly to God
   8. Angels – Christians believe Angels follow God’s word and do work for God. Prominent angels are Gabriel and Michael.
   9. Trinity – The Father (God), Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit all make up God in Heaven, Earth, and in between.
   10. Return of Jesus – This will happen at the end of time when Jesus returns and claims his people to go to heaven.
5. Christianity and the Roman Empire
   1. Persecution – Originally Christians were persecuted by the Romans as Christians would not worship Roman gods. This spread Christianity all over the empire as Christians fled from persecution.
      1. The most well know persecutor of Christians became the most important missionary when he converted to Christianity. His name was Paul.
   2. Acceptance – Eventually, the Romans accepted Christianity with the Edict of Milan (AD 313) passed by Constantine after he believed the Christian god helped him win a key battle. Rome became predominately Christian.