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ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY:

- * Began during the Pax Romana
- * Emerged from Judaism
- * Led by Jesus of Nazareth (the Messiah)
- * Beliefs clashed with the polytheistic beliefs of the Roman Empire

BELIEFS, TRADITIONS, AND CUSTOMS

1. Monotheistic
2. Life after death
3. Holy Book is the New Testament
4. Jesus is both the Son of God and the incarnation of God

HOW DID CHRISTIANITY INFLUENCE THE ROMAN EMPIRE?

1. The Christian Church became the example of moral authority.
2. Loyalty to the Christianity became more important than loyalty to the Emperor.
3. Christian church became the main unifying force of Western Europe.

HOW WAS CHRISTIANITY SPREAD?

1. Jesus' apostles (mainly Paul) throughout the Roman Empire.
2. Roman persecution of Christians limited it's spread initially.
3. Christianity was eventually adopted and legalized by the Emperor Constantine.