Christianity and Roman Empire Timeline

circa 30 AD  Jesus and Birth of Christianity

30-290 AD  Christianity spreads throughout Roman Empire as missionaries travel the trade routes around Mediterranean Sea. Romans persecute Christians from time to time seeing them as unpatriotic.

circa 300 AD  Worst persecution under Diocletian as he attempts to inspire nationalistic zeal in the Roman Empire.

313 AD  Edict of Milan- Christianity given legal status under Constantine. Constantine sends his mother, Helena, to area of Israel to establish holy sites such as Jesus' tomb

325 AD  Council of Nicaea- Constantine pays for Christian bishops to settle question, "Is Jesus God?". First time political power and Christianity work together in Empire.

380 AD  Emperor Theodosius makes Christianity the official religion of Empire

476 AD  City of Rome Falls to Germanic barbarians

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<td>Emperor as maintains power and control over the religious leader, the Patriarch of Constantinople since he too is a Christian.</td>
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<td>Barbarians tribes in Western Europe convert to Christianity</td>
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570 AD  Mohammed and Birth of Islam, Islamic forces begin to take over Roman Lands in Levant (Israel, Syria)

800 AD  Frankish king, Charlemagne, crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope in Western Europe

1054 AD  Great Schism- Major Issue: Who rules the church? The Pope (Bishop of Rome) or do all the Bishops rule equally? Divides Christianity into two major branches-Roman Catholic Church under leadership of Pope in Western Europe, Eastern Orthodox with Emperor as head (Patriarch of Constantinople is religious head today, but does not lead E.O. churches like Pope)

1095 AD  Pope Urban calls for First Crusade to fight Islamic forces in Middle East after request from Byzantine Roman Emperor in Constantinople, Alexius
1. What changed Christianity from an illegal to a legal religion?
   Edict of Milan

2. Who gained in power in Western Europe after the Fall of the City of Rome?
   The Bishop of Rome (Pope)
   & Roman Catholic Church

3. What religion threatened Christianity in the Roman Empire?
   Islam

4. Who did the Pope crown Holy Roman Emperor? Was he Roman?
   Charlemagne was a Frankish king, not Roman

5. What was the main disagreement that led to the Great Schism?
   Was the Bishop of Rome the ultimate ruler of the church or were all bishops equal

6. How did the Birth of Islam affect Christianity in the Roman Empire?
   took over Christian lands that Romans once held
   Christian he was believed to be ruling Rome

7. What would you think if you were the emperor of Constantinople and the Pope crowned Charlemagne Holy Roman Emperor?
   Angry - Charlemagne is Frankish, not Roman
   Emperor feels he is the Roman Emperor

8. List events from the timeline that display a union of church & state?
   * Constantine paid for Council of Nicaea & sent Helen took look for holy sites
   * Theodosius makes Christianity the religion of empire
   * Charlemagne crowned emperor by Pope
   * Pope Urban calls kings to fight in Crusade