

The followers of Jesus
became known as
Christians

Christians suffered
persecution at the hands
of the Roman Empire
as they refused to recognize
the deity of the emperor
or of any gods other
than God (and Jesus)

Christianity was elevated
to protected status
by the emperor Constantine
in the 300s.

Emperor Theodosius I
made Christianity Rome's
only authorized religion
in 380.

The church split into
Western (Catholic or "Universal")
and Eastern (Orthodox) Branches
in 1054.

Another split between Catholic and
Protestant (Luther) branches began in 1517.

Christian beliefs generally
include an after-life
consisting of a
spiritual paradise (Heaven),
or possibly a place
of torment (Hell).

The sacred canon
for Christianity is
the Bible

Important Christian days
of celebration include
the holidays of Easter
(recognition of the resurrection
of Jesus) and Christmas
(recognition of the birth
of Jesus)

Christianity is one of the world's
great monotheistic ("one-God")
religions