

Christianity

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Founding Story

Jesus Christ is accepted as the founder of Christianity from both Roman Catholic Church, The Eastern Orthodox, and the Protestant Traditions.

Jesus Christ was born under the reign of emperor Augustus, and his death under the reign of emperor Tiberius.

Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, and raised in Nazareth

Jesus was born to the virgin Mary, his purported father being Joseph, Mary's husband. But the Holy Ghost or God, was his actual father.

Christianity developed in Judea in the mid-first century CE, based first on the teachings of Jesus and later on the writings and missionary work of Paul of Tarsus.

Originally, Christianity was a small, unorganized sect that promised personal salvation after death. Salvation was possible through belief in Jesus as the son of God.

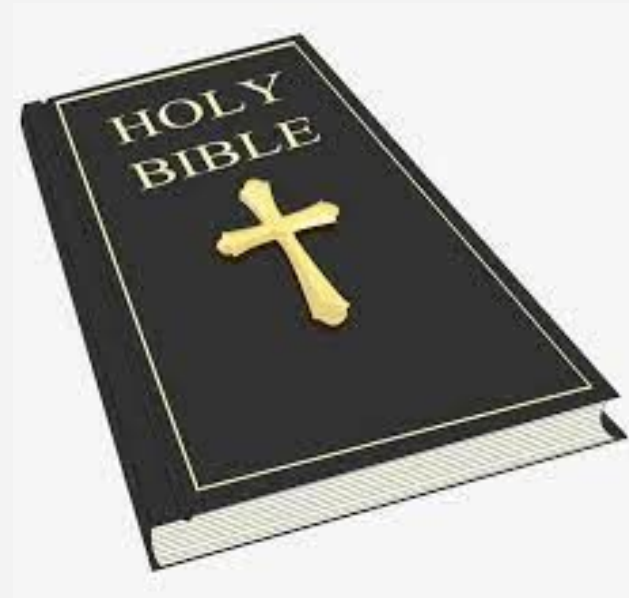
Basic Beliefs/Doctrine

There are 3 main/major creeds of Christianity. The Apostles' creed, Athanasian creed, and the Nicene creed. All 3 creeds constitute a comprehensive summary of the Christians doctrine.

Creed: A small portion of Doctrine

Holy Books

Christianity mostly consists of one book, The Holy Bible. The Bible is subdivided into two main sections, the Old Testament and the New Testament.



Major Holidays

Ash Wednesday: 40 days before Easter/ start of lent/ meant for Reflection and Religious contemplation.

Epiphany, 6th of Jan. Celebrates the 3 “wise men”

Christmas: The birth of Jesus Christ.

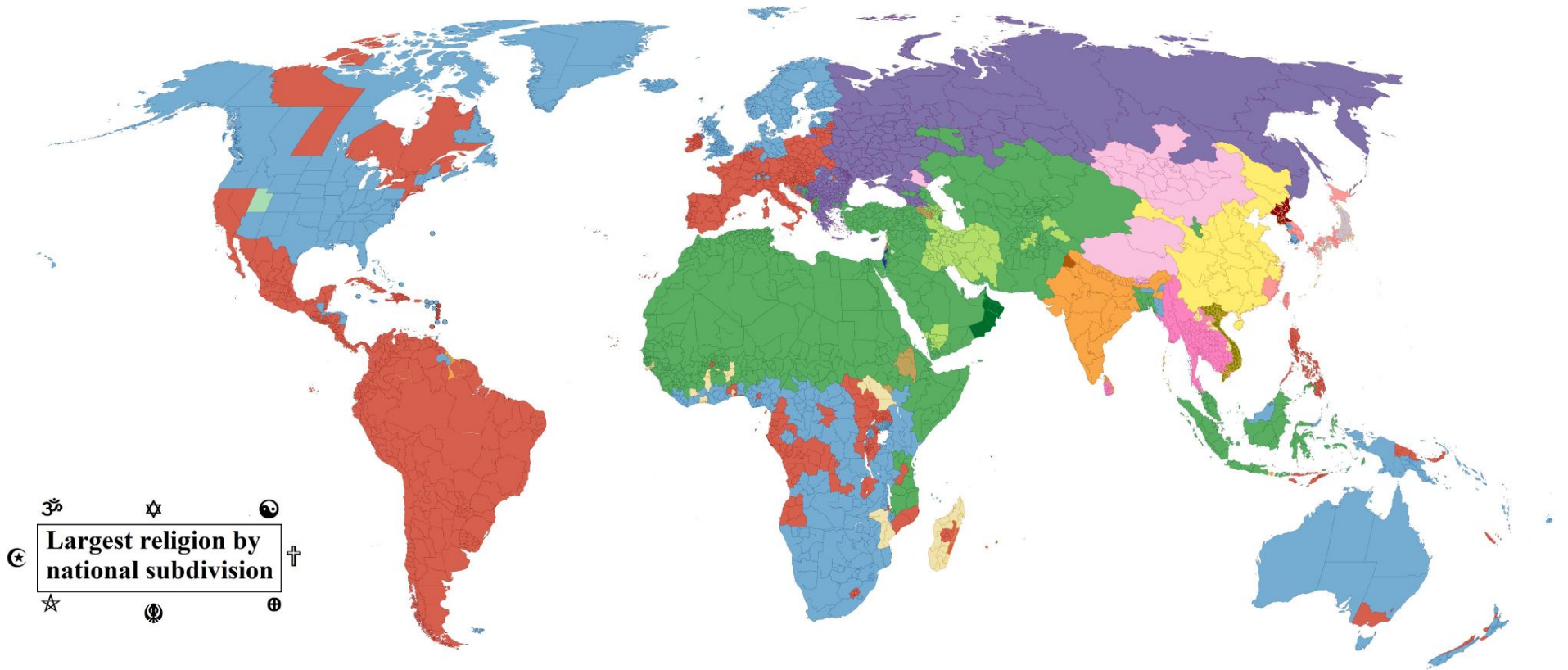
Easter sunday: Commemorates Christ’s resurrection

Divisions

There are three major divisions of Christianity. These divisions include Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Eastern Orthodox. Catholics look to the Pope as the key human authority over the church. Eastern split from Roman Catholic Church over issues of church leadership and theology. They determined that teams of bishops called Synods should lead the Church, rather than one Pope. Protestants believe that it is no human form, but it is Scripture to be known as the highest authority for Christian belief and practice.

World Today

Today, around 31% of the world population is Christian. Christianity has the most followers worldwide with over 2.2 billion believers. America's majority is shrinking and could dip below 50% by 2070.



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Largest religion by national subdivision
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Abrahamic faiths

- ☪ Judaism
- ✡ Druze
- ☪ Sunni Islam
- ☪ Shia Islam
- ☪ Ibadī Islam
- ✡ Catholicism
- ☪ Eastern Orthodoxy
- ☪ Oriental Orthodoxy
- ✡ Protestantism
- ☪ Mormonism (Utah)

Dharmic/Indian faiths

- ☪ Hinduism
- ☪ Sikhism
- ☪ Theravada Buddhism
- ☪ Mahayana Buddhism
- ☪ Vajrayana Buddhism

Other faiths

- ☪ Chinese religions (including regional deities and ancestors, Confucianism, Taoism, Chinese Buddhism)
- ☪ Vietnamese Indigenous religion/Thanism
- ☪ Shinto
- ☪ Shinism & Chondoism
- ☪ Indigenous religions

Role of Women

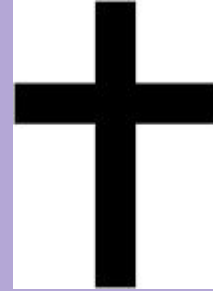
God has used many women to spread the word and lead others biblically. In the bible, women have played a key role in fulfilling God's plan. They have also held positions of leadership and responsibilities in spreading the gospel. According to the bible, women were given the job to "be a helper to your husband."

Symbols

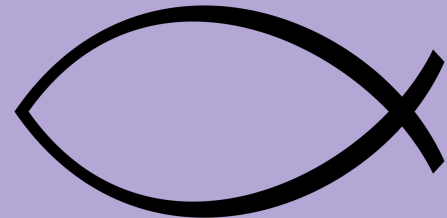
The Lamb of God is a title given to Jesus Christ. He is sometimes symbolized in art as a lamb that sacrificed himself in order to save humanity from their sins.

The cross is meant to represent the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It also represents Jesus and the faith of Christians

The Ichthys is a fish symbol that is used to represent an affiliation with Christianity. Ichthys is an acrostic that represents “Jesus Christ Son of God”.



Crucifix/Cross



Ichthys

Resources

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