

WHY DID CHRISTIANITY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD?**Document #1**

The Roman Emperor Constantine, in the year 312 AD, was afraid of the battle he and his army would face against a powerful enemy. As he slept, he had a vision that God had visited him and gave him this message "WITH THIS SIGN, YOU WILL CONQUER". Constantine had all of his warriors paint that sign on their shields in gold. Soon afterwards, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire.

1. Draw a picture of the sign that Constantine saw in his dream.
2. Based on this document, who do you think won the battle?
3. Why do you think Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire?

Document #2

"I say that anyone who listens to my message and believes in God has eternal life...and those who continue to do evil shall be damned for their sins." - John 5:24, The Bible

4. According to this document, what will happen to those who follow Christianity?

Document #3

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the gates of heaven." Matthew 5:24, The Bible

5. According to this document, who will be the only people allowed in the gates of heaven?

Document #4

"Life during the Middle Ages was unbelievably tough on the human soul. The vast majority of the people lived life in a state of poverty. Disease, hunger, and war were constant reminders of the difficulties in life. The average life span of a man living in the Middle Ages was thirty-nine years. This helps to explain the rapid spread of Christianity."

6. According to this document, what were some of the problems that people in the Middle Ages faced?
7. How do those problems help explain why Christianity spread throughout the world?