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 Class VII

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Chapter 1 Rise and Spread of Christianity

Good Morning Students!

In Class VI you have studied about the ancient period. This year we will study about the medieval period. It lies between ancient and the modern period and marked significant changes in all spheres and beginning at different time in Europe and India.

A Roman general Pompey wanted to extend Roman territories and conquer Palestine. His conquest made Jews come under Roman ruler's rule. When Herod became the ruler, he tortured many Jews and was an unpopular ruler.

Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem. His parents were Joseph and Mary and he spent early life in Nazareth. He was greatly influenced by John the Baptist. Later due to his simple teachings, Jesus Christ became popular among the people. As the priests did not like his popularity, Jesus was crucified in Golgotha on Friday. This day is observed as Good Friday.

The sacred texts of the Christians is Bible which has two parts - The Old

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Testament which comprise the history of ancient people of Israel. The New Testament contains information on life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Christianity became popular through the effort of the twelve Apostles.

During the time of Roman emperor Constantine, Christianity was made as a state religion. He encouraged people to take up Christianity. There was change in capital during his time from Rome to

Byzantium which was now called Constantinople. It later on became the capital of Eastern Roman Empire.

The Roman empire declined towards the later half due to a number of reasons like

1. Political problems
2. Lack of loyalty towards the rulers
3. Attack of barbaric Germanic tribes.
4. Plagues in the 2nd and 3rd Century.

After the decline, the Eastern Roman Empire survived with the capital at Constantinople. Other important rulers were Emperor Justinian who codified the Roman Law. Emperor Heraclius made the empire powerful. Finally it fell in to the hands of the Ottoman Turkish Empire.

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MCQ.

1. Bethlehem
2. Herod Antipas
3. Rome
4. Nuns.
5. Four Gospels
6. Third Day
7. All of these
8. 330
9. 1098 - 1099.
10. 1189

Fill in the blanks

1. 500, 1500
2. Nazareth
3. Herod Antipas.
4. Constantine
5. Bible

State whether True or False

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True.