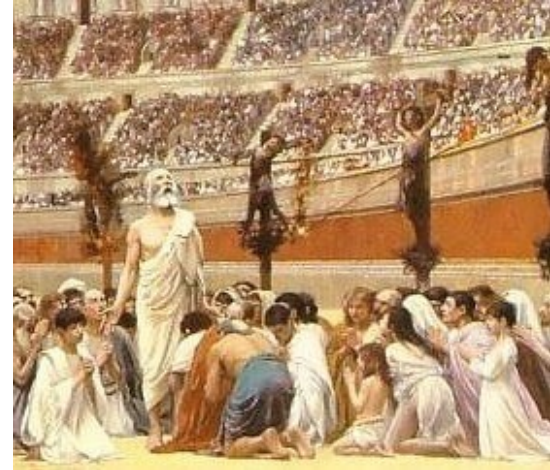




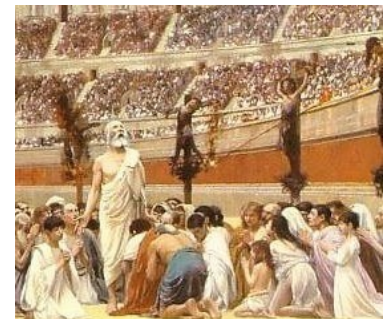
What happened to the Early Christians?



- Emperor Nero had Christians arrested... dressed in wild animal's skins and then...
- THEY WERE **TORN TO PIECES** BY DOGS OR LIONS...
- OR **CRUCIFIED**...
- OR MADE INTO **HUMAN TORCHES** to be lighted after dark as substitutes for daylight.
- Nero provided his Gardens for the spectacle, and exhibited displays in the Circus... (see John 15:18-20; Heb 11:35-40).

The fate of the Apostles

- Matthew the tax collector was slain with a weapon that had an axe-like cutting blade and a speared end.
- Mark was dragged to pieces by the people of Alexandria.
- James was beheaded.
- Matthias was attacked with bricks and then beheaded.
- Thomas, doubting Thomas, was martyred by being thrust through with a spear.
- Luke was hanged on an olive tree



The fate of the Apostles

- Andrew was crucified. His cross was an X thus the term, St. Andrew's cross.
- Simon the Zealot was crucified in Britain
- Peter, the apostle was crucified with his head down and his feet up,
- Paul was scourged, stoned, and finally beheaded by a sword.
- Bartholomew was cruelly beaten and then crucified

The fate of the Apostles

- John, the Apostle whom Jesus loved, was put into a cauldron of boiling oil.
- He escaped by a miracle, without injury,
- He was banished to the Isle of Patmos where he wrote the book of Revelations.
- He was the only apostle who escaped a violent death