

Beginnings of Christianity

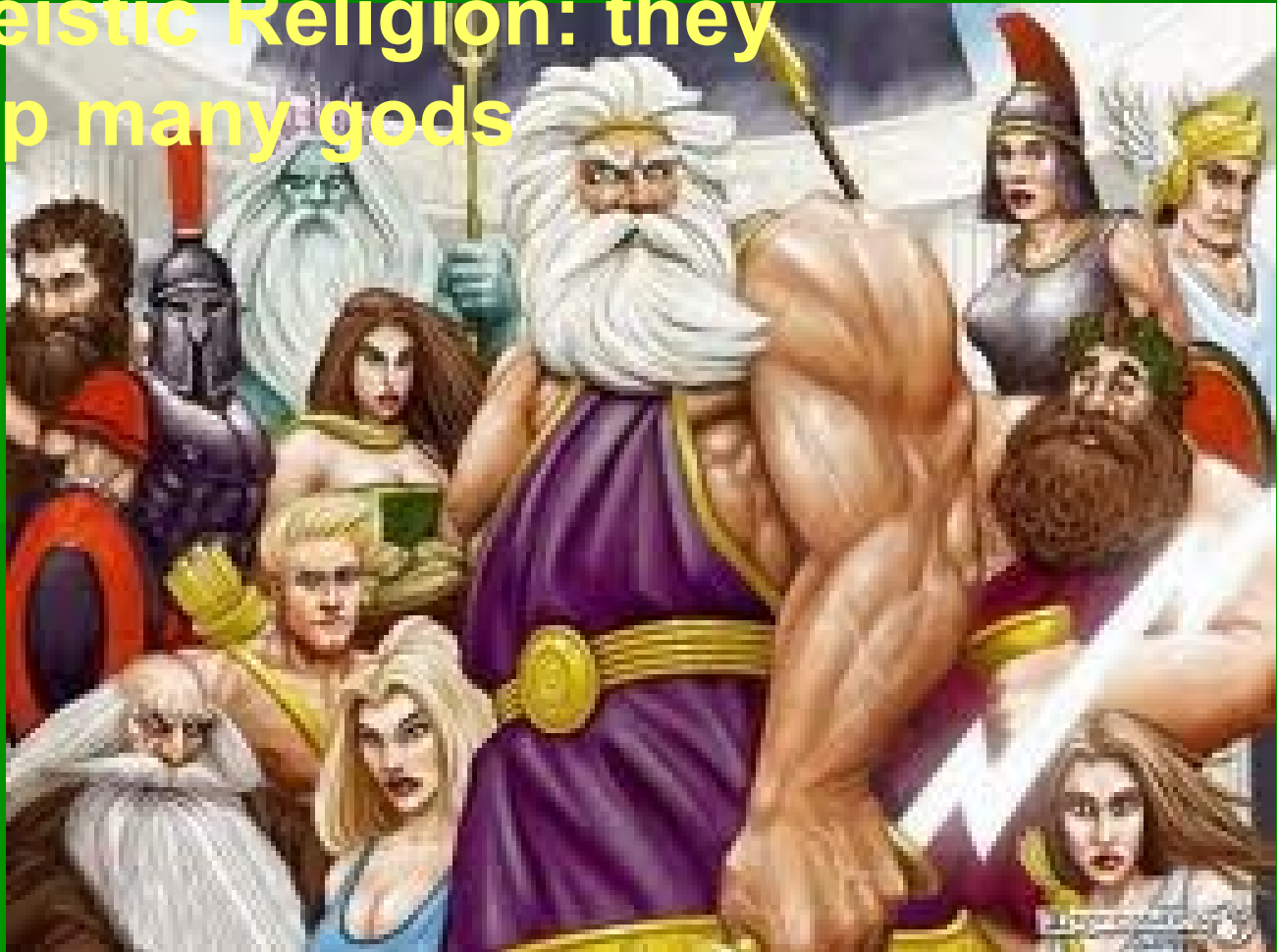




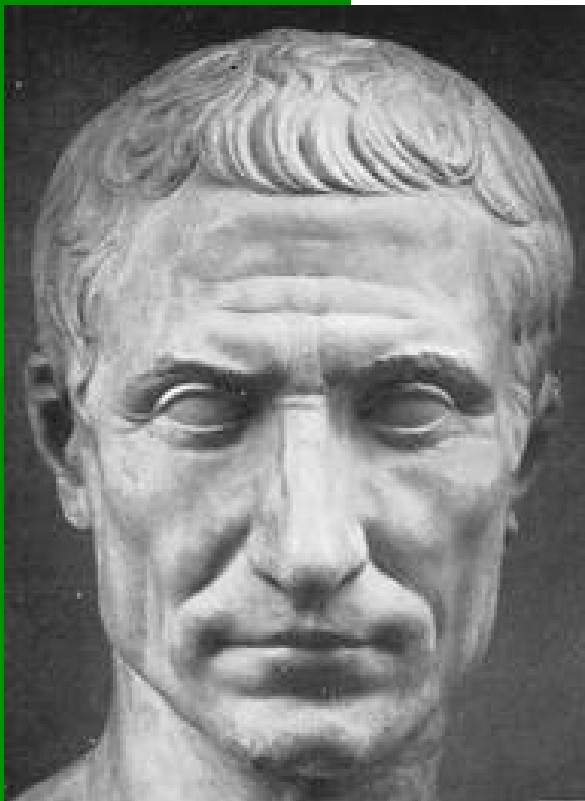
Why Romans didn't like Christianity?

Christianity?

Polytheistic Religion: they worship many gods



-including the emperor !



**If you don't respect
Roman gods, harm
could come to the
empire, so...**

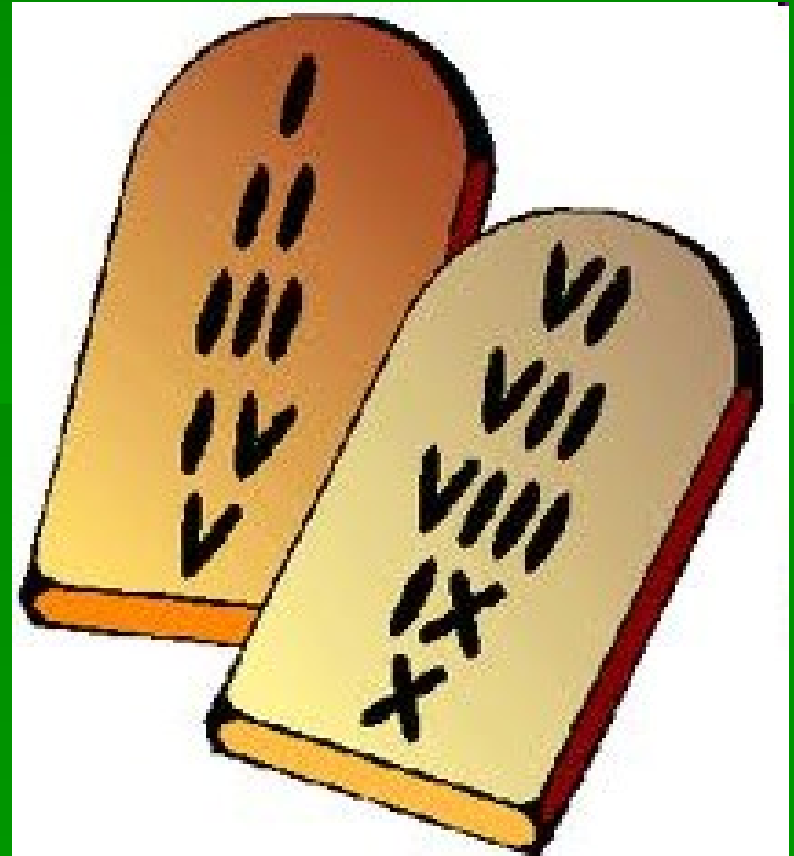


**Roman law
punished those
who refused to
worship their
gods.**

Jesus and his teachings

Jesus taught belief in one god and in Ten Commandments.

...but soon his teachings were different from Jewish



**God is loving and
would forgive those
who were sorry for
their sins**

**He encourage
people to love
one another:
enemies shall
be forgiven
and loved.**



To make his ideas clearer,
Jesus often used **parables**



Do you remember **the Parable of the prodigal son?**

According to Judaism, a **messiah** will come to bring world peace

Some people became convinced that Jesus was the messiah

So... what did Roman leaders think about it?



**They thought Jesus might take
over the empire and set up his
own kingdom**

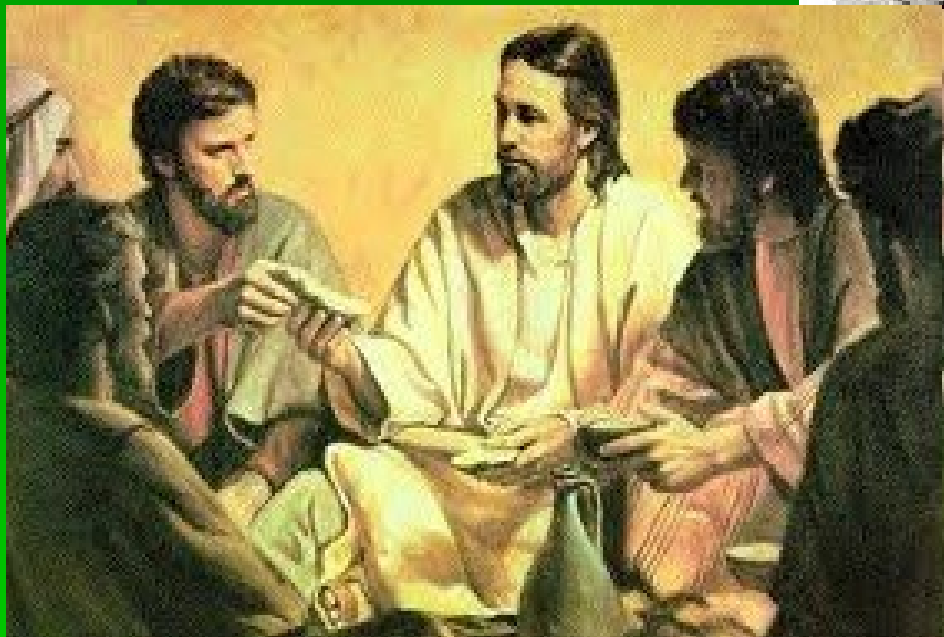


**Pontius Pilate
ordered that Jesus
be put to death by
crucifixion.**



Jesus' Teachings Spreads

His teachings soon were carried through the Roman roads



Apostles were the first people to spread Jesus' words

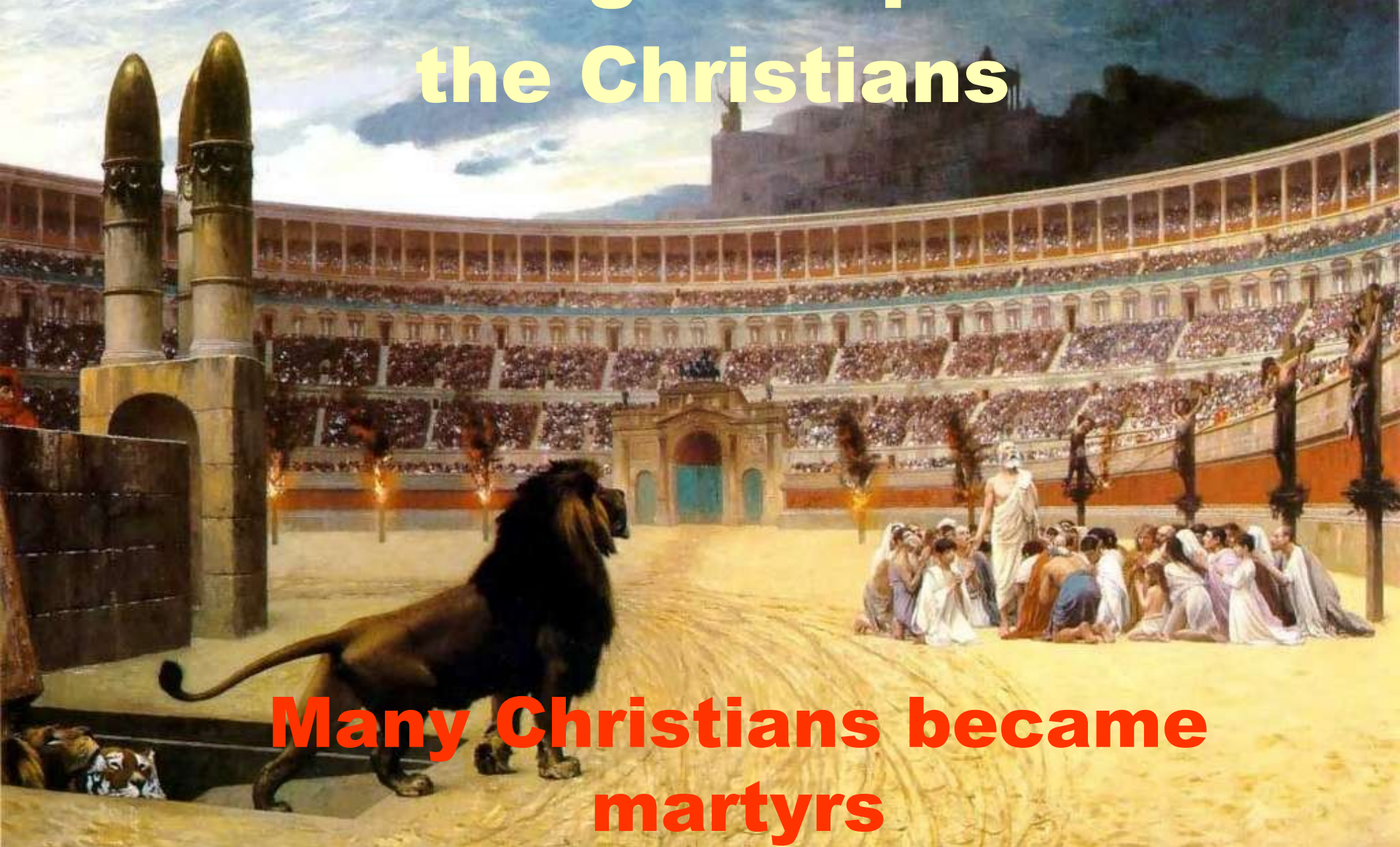
Rome and the new religion

The Romans allowed people to have other religions beliefs, if they also worshipped the Roman gods



So... What happened with Christians?

Romans began to persecute the Christians



**Many Christians became
martyrs**

Constantine Accepts Christianity

Why the Roman Empire was growing weaker?

Government increased taxes = citizens got upset



Political chaos = Roman generals fought to rule the empire

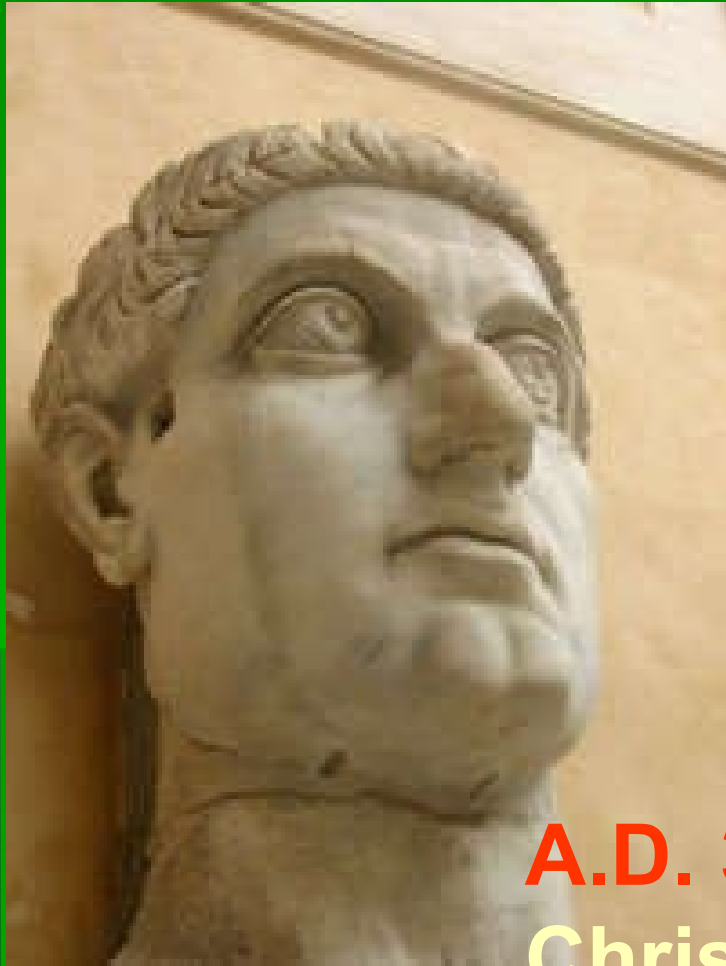
Emperors faced invaders

“In Hoc Signo Vinces”



In this sign, you will conquer

Constantine won the battle. He didn't thank the Roman gods



**LATER, CHRISTIANITY
BECAME THE
OFFICIAL RELIGION
FOR THE ROMAN
EMPIRE**

A.D. 313: Edict of Milan made
Christianity an accepted
religion