

# CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

## The Apologists - Part One Justin Martyr

### Lesson 13

*Biblical-Literacy.com*

© Copyright 2006 by W. Mark Lanier. Permission hereby granted to reprint this document in its entirety without change, with reference given, and not for financial profit.

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

God's timing

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius



God's timing

Martyrdom

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

Gnosticism

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

Canon

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

Canon

Old Test.

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism



God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

Canon

Old Test.

New Test.

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

Canon

Old Test.

New Test.

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism

Apologists

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

50 - 100

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism

100 - 150

Canon

Old Test.

New Test.

150 - 200

Apologists

Justin Martyr

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

0 - 50

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

50 - 100

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

100 - 150

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism

Canon

Old Test.

New Test.

150 - 200

Apologists

Justin Martyr

Athenagoras

God's timing

Backwater  
Jewish  
Renewal  
Movement

Martyrdom

Ignatius

Polycarp

Canon

Old Test.

New Test.

0 - 50

50 - 100

100 - 150

150 - 200

Apostolic Fathers

I Clement

Didache

Ignatius

Heresies

Gnosticism

Montanism

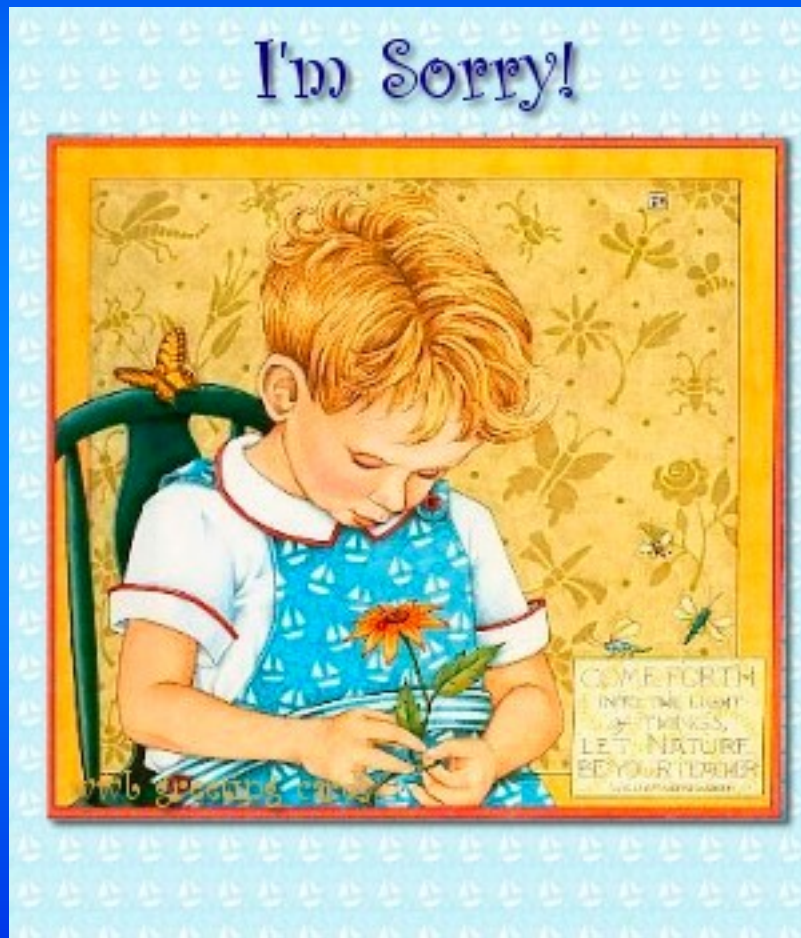
Apologists

Justin Martyr

Athenagoras

Theophilus

# Apologist?!



# Apologist?!



Not an "I'm  
Sorry" Card

# Apologist?!

**Sermo super sepulchrum**  
Sicut yagunne. ysa par et ebonny uogunne. Denye indolubben  
terruente deue nuy sennuicte aduante. et oduna uola neka  
paradisumay haraa. Et noid paradysumben uoloy granduicid  
munda neka elue. Non tihawa wt igfa gumlec uol. Et  
munda neka ineret su eneye. ysa ka nopun condul oz gumlf  
uol. haldree hatakal hoh. haldraa eluente terruente isten  
uol. ge sedelove. Ungode urding uiteruente. et erce oz taluyt  
gumlfowl. et oz gumlfben haldur eue. Uoz gumlfnee uol  
keleru uola. vye. hug rardruat unge yocortea uola.  
Dy an hewi muga nec. ge muid w founee haldur eue.  
Hoygu uoe isten. et uerece wt ex muidat uilagibde. et leyn  
haldre et pucubne feye. et noid w uerence. Kur oz ve.  
uoy uogunne. Hug et ry lantue sennuicte. ita et nuid  
igg ember muelbora et uerunt. ysa muid oz dny rayov  
uogunne. Uimaggue urone isten kagunne et lede erc. hug  
uoygellan w neka. et kagunne. et buhalla muid w buner.  
Uimaggue sennuicte muer. et dordug. uichud arelungelt.  
et noid angeltur. hug uimaggue erce. Uimaggue  
sennuicte perru uru. kurec odur hordun ovdona. et kurec.  
hug owa muid w buner. Uimaggue uoid sennuicte.  
hug kurec neka seged urone kurec uer. hug isten y u  
uadlagueta buhalla w buner. Uobeduca wt urding  
uideru uol. et pual kurec uer uol. et uerese wt paradysu  
mugumabde. et ogun neka muid uru. agbele uer. et  
muid wyben uer. U kurec uronechus elurou. Karl.  
**S**erehmet haryn uimaggue ex fogun ember lika erc.  
Kur wt oz nopun ex homu uilag rannucebelevl mure.  
Kurec ex nopun restet rannuce. hug ur uru kurec uer.  
Abraam. ysaac. iacob. kurec uer hestete. hug burlag uoy  
uoy muid w sennuicte et uideru captem toy  
selevl uochtoru uer. U rannuce. clamare ut  
**O**prime nostri sibi km dei ma. hie hie. Sacerdos sennuicte  
quante gra an et granduicentat pium adam p. rre  
mrs. si d. uol. sennuicte. et peccate. quid sibi ex d. uol. sennuicte  
postul. te p. rre. ecc. sennuicte uideru oculi uestri.



# Apologist?!

Maan seleya suntuabel. **Sermo sup sepuclum**  
sue yagunc. ysa par et ebonny uogunc. Denye indoliben  
teruntive cleve nuy senuatit adamit. et odama vola neka  
paradisumit hayaa. Et moid paradisumben uslov gundicid  
munda neka elue. Neon tihawa ut igfa gundecvl. Et  
munda neka ineret su eneye. ysa ka nopun condul oz gundf  
eul. haldree hatataal hoh. Maalaa elolat teruntive isten  
vl. ge sedelove. Ungode urding uterwino. et tere oz taluyt  
gundfowl. et oz gundfben halatit eue. Uoz gundfitec vl  
kelerit vola. vize. hug turchuac unge yocostea vola.  
Dj an hovu muga nec. ge moid w foinac halatit eue.  
Harogu vee isten. et vetera ut ex moid vilagibde. et leyn  
halatit et puculitec fere. et moid w uerence. Ric ozve.  
ony vogunc. Hug et tiv latanic suntuabel. ita et moid  
igg etber muelboria et vermit. ysa moid oz dny lapov  
vogunc. Wunaggue urone isten kegimic et lede erc. hug  
yogollun w neka. et kegigren. et buhalla moid w bunet.  
Wunaggue sicut achstia marier. et dovduag. wuchud arelungelt.  
et moid angeltit. hug unmagyoooc et tere. Wunaggue  
sicut petet uror. kinec odar borola ovdonia. et kermic.  
hug ovga moid w bunet. Wunaggue woid sicutit.  
hug legime neka seged urone kinec dent. hug isten yv u  
w adlaguemetu buhalla w bunet. U obeduclia ut urding  
ideturitvl. et pacul kuzovya eul. et vey est ut paradisu  
nigulmabed. et oggan neka muidi uruz. agbele. uror. et  
moid wyben veyet. U kealitic uronchus elurou. Karl.  
**S** ecerelmet baryn unmagyoooc et segan ember laka erc.  
Kur ut oz nopun ex homul vilag taminicebelevl merte.  
Kinec ex nopun restet tumetive. hug ur urv kegimicel  
abram. ysaac. iacob. hebdeben heltheie. hug bursagwop  
lytva moid vo sicutit et unnetit cupicium toy  
selevl ochtorula ilerit ut. U cybermetue. clamare ut  
**O** pume nostri srs km da ma. **Hic beate sacdos emarie pto**  
quante gra die et gratificatit. pium adam patre  
nris. si dicitur faceret. cu peccatit. quid sibi ex oib fuit  
postul. te puerit. ecce sri videtis oculis uestris.

“*apologia*”  
(απολογία)

# Apologist?!

Maan seleya suurtuchel. **Sermo sup sepuclurum**  
Sicut yagunne. ysa par et ebomuy uogunne. Denye indolubben  
teruuneyve cleve nuy uenunat adunne. et odunna wala neka  
paradisumay haraa. Et noid paradidubben ueloy gunducunil  
uanda neka elue. Neon rihawa ut igfa gundecul. Et  
munda neka ineret su eneye. ysa ka nepun condul oz gundul  
eul. haldree haldraal hoh. Maalaa elolue teruuneyve isten  
eul. ge sedelove. Ungode urdang uterwinne. et tere oz tihuyt  
gundulowl. et oz gundulben haldur euee. Uoz gundulnee wul  
keleruy wala. vye. hug rarducar unge yocostea wala.  
Dy an hewu munga nec. ge moud w founec haldur euee.  
Harogu uoe isten. et vetere ut ex munda vilagubde. et leyn  
haldre et puculnee tere. et moud w uenunec. Kuc ozve.  
uoy uogunne. Hug et tve lariane suurtuchel. Ma et mudi  
igg etber mudebora et verunat. Ma moud oz dnyz rayov  
uogunne. Uimaggue urone isten kegubner et lede ere. hug  
uoygollun w neka. et kegugren. et buidilla moud w buner.  
Uimaggue sere achelun marier. et dovduy. machud arelungelt.  
et moud angeltier. hug uimagguee et tere. Uimaggue  
sere perer uror. kurec odur berolin ovdona. et kermie.  
hug owga moud w buner. Uimaggue woud se gureter.  
hug legene neka seged urone kurecdeur. hug isten v u  
uadlagueta buidilla w buner. Uobeduca ut urdang  
uideruyl. et pual kuzoyvay eul. et veyese ut paradidub  
nigulmabeit. et oggun neka mudi uruz. agbele. uror. et  
moud wyben veyer. Ukealme uronchus eluroul. Karl.  
**S**erehmet brayn uimagguee et segen ember lika ere.  
Kuc ut oz nepun ex homul vilag rannucebelevl merte.  
Kurec ex nepun tetter rannuce. hug ur utv kegubnel  
abram. ysaac. iacob. kedeleben heltheie. hug bursagwop  
lyua moud w seerit et unetter cupicium toy  
selevl uochtorula uleze ut. Urybermetue. clamare ut  
**O**prime nostri tps km det ma. **Hic beate sacdos emarie pto**  
quante gra die et gratificauerit pium adam p. tere  
mris. si d. uolo succedere di peccatore. quid sibi ex ad huc  
posterior te procurat. ecce fit uidetur oculis uestris.

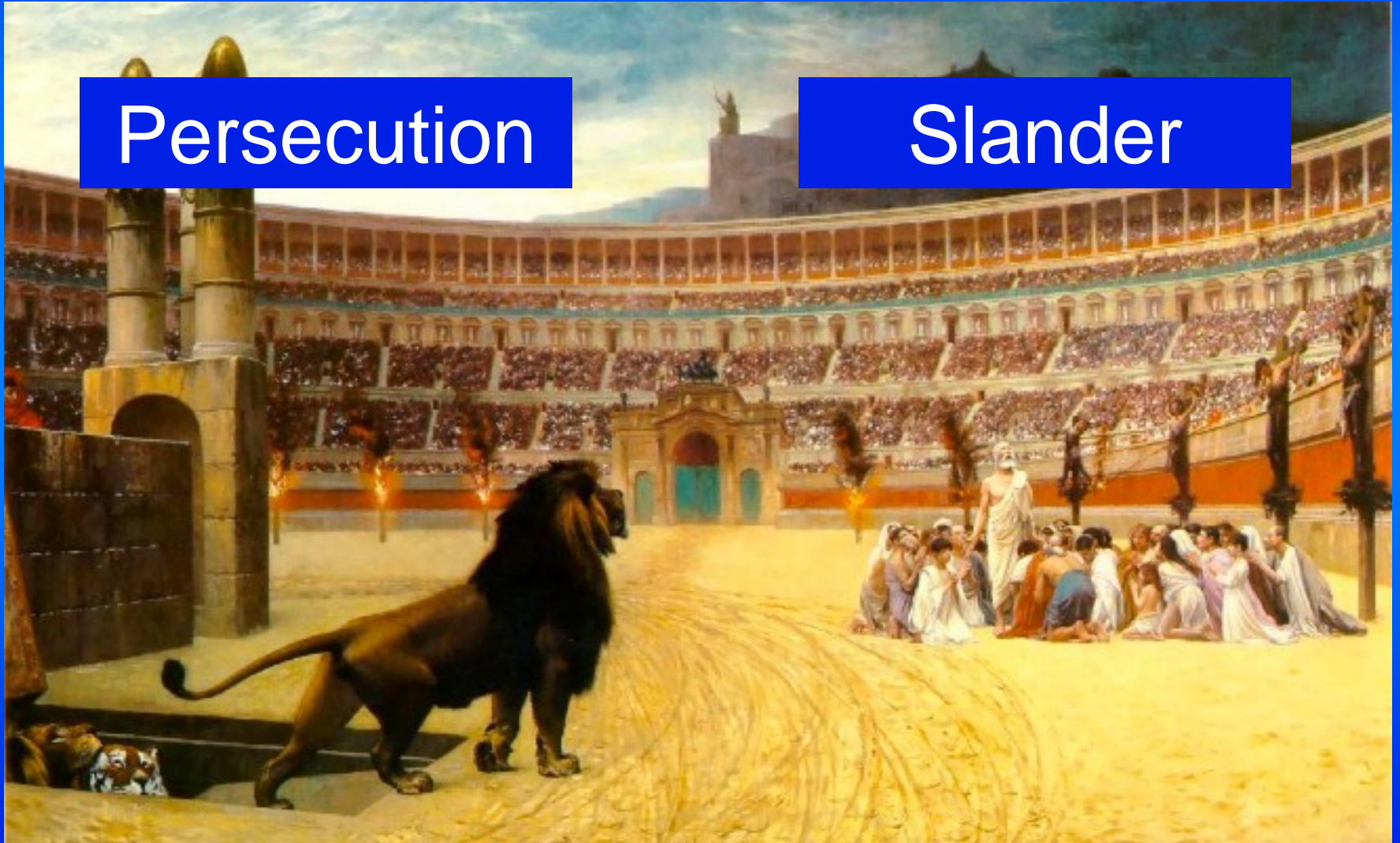
“apologia”  
(απολογία)

“A speech  
in defense”

# Remember the Setting

Persecution

Slander





The church  
cared about  
treatment and  
perception



The church  
cared about  
treatment and  
perception

The Apologies were also  
mission efforts!



Justin Martyr

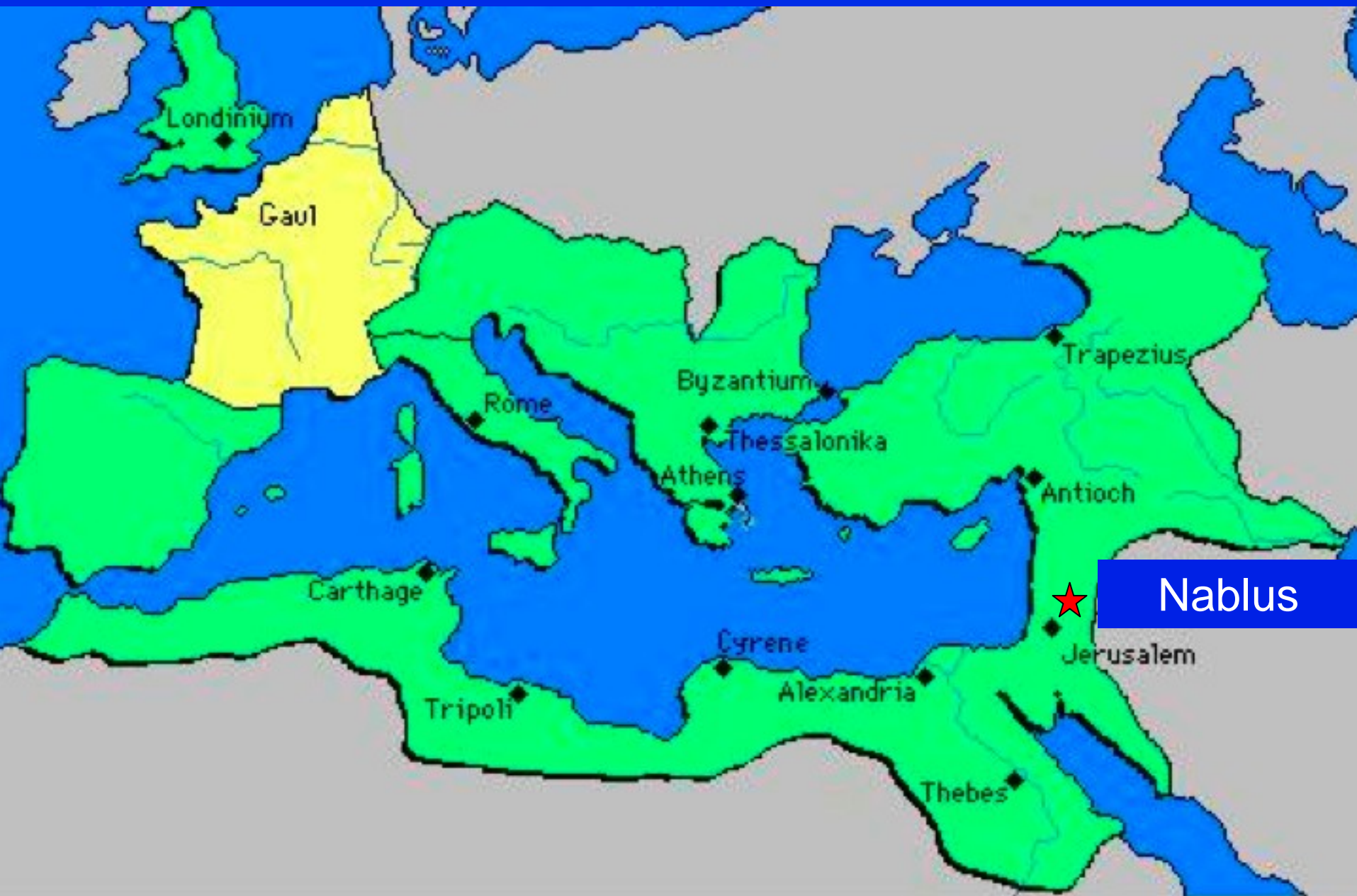
# Nablus, Palestine





# Nablus, Palestine





Londinium

Gaul

Rome

Byzantium

Thessalonika

Athens

Trapezus

Antioch

Carthage

Cyrene

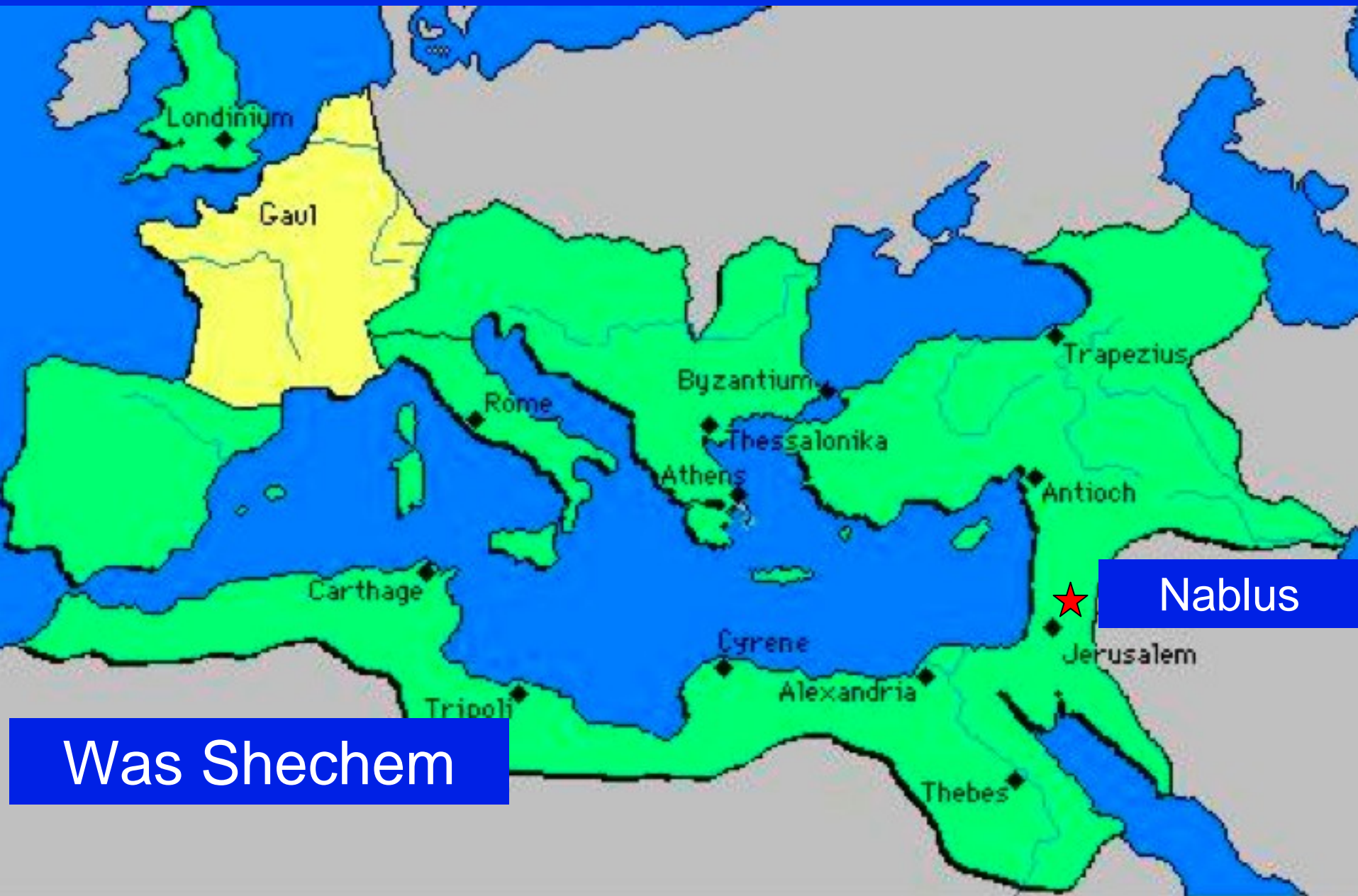
Alexandria

Thebes

Tripoli

Jerusalem

Nablus



Londinium

Gaul

Rome

Byzantium

Trapezus

Thessalonika

Athens

Antioch

Carthage

Nablus

Cyrene

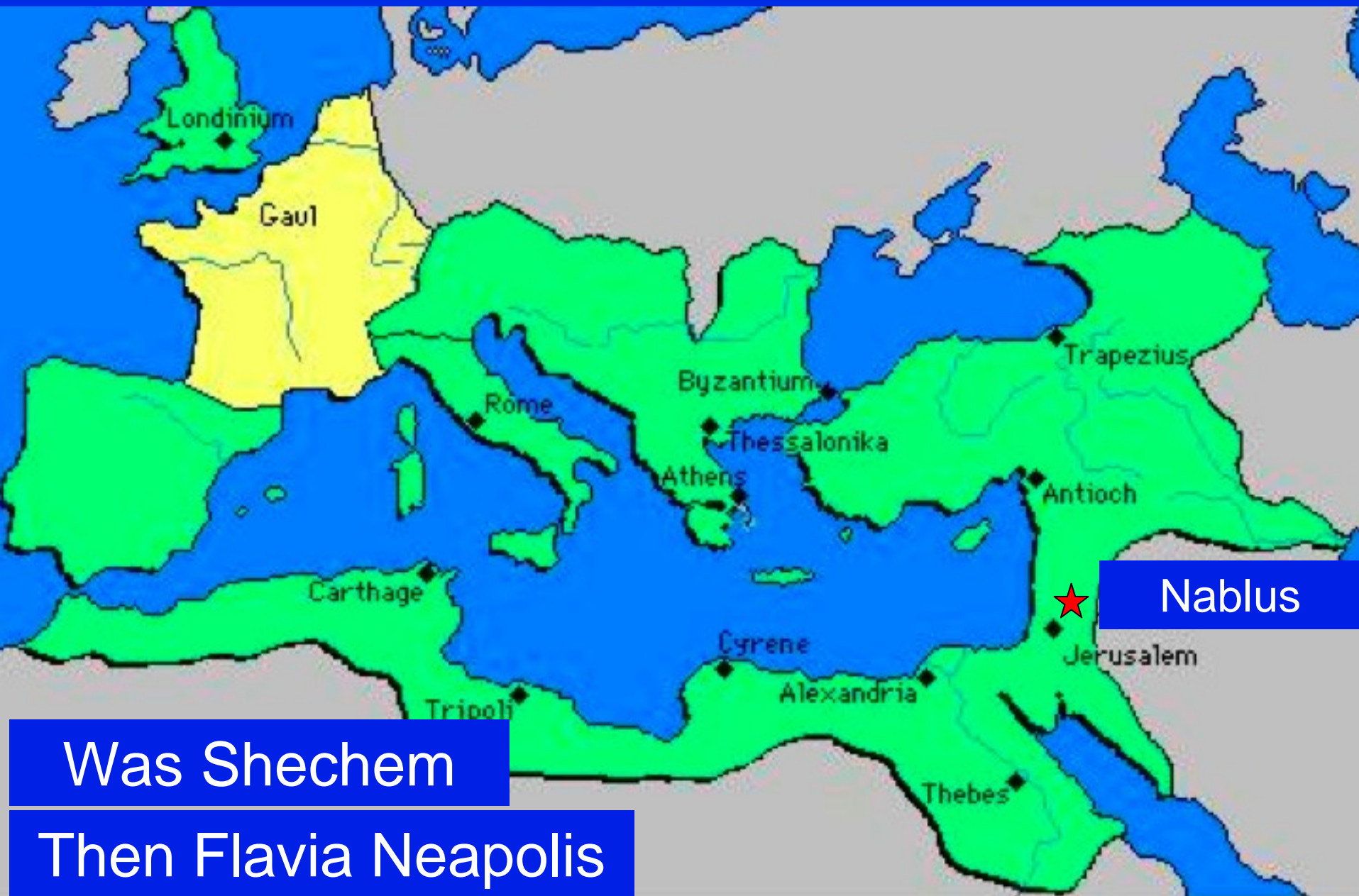
Jerusalem

Tripoli

Alexandria

Thebes

Was Shechem



Nablus

Was Shechem

Then Flavia Neapolis



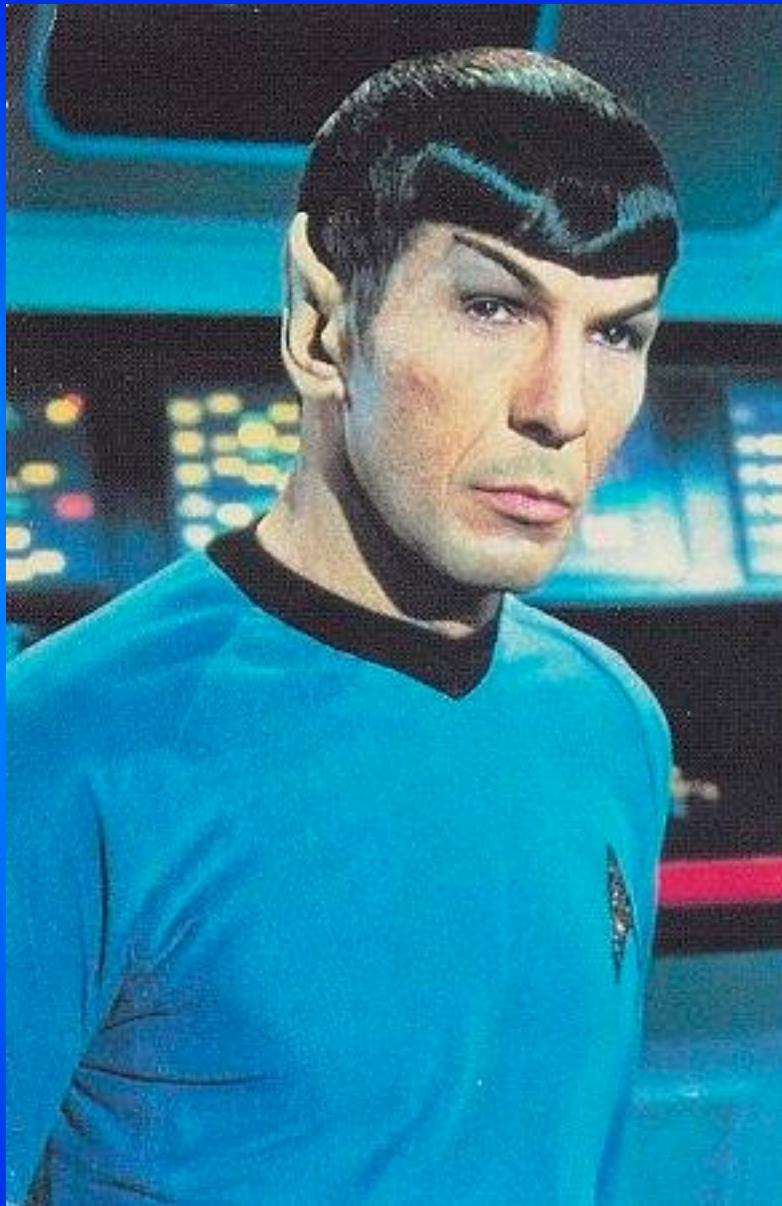
Justin was  
a  
philosophy  
student

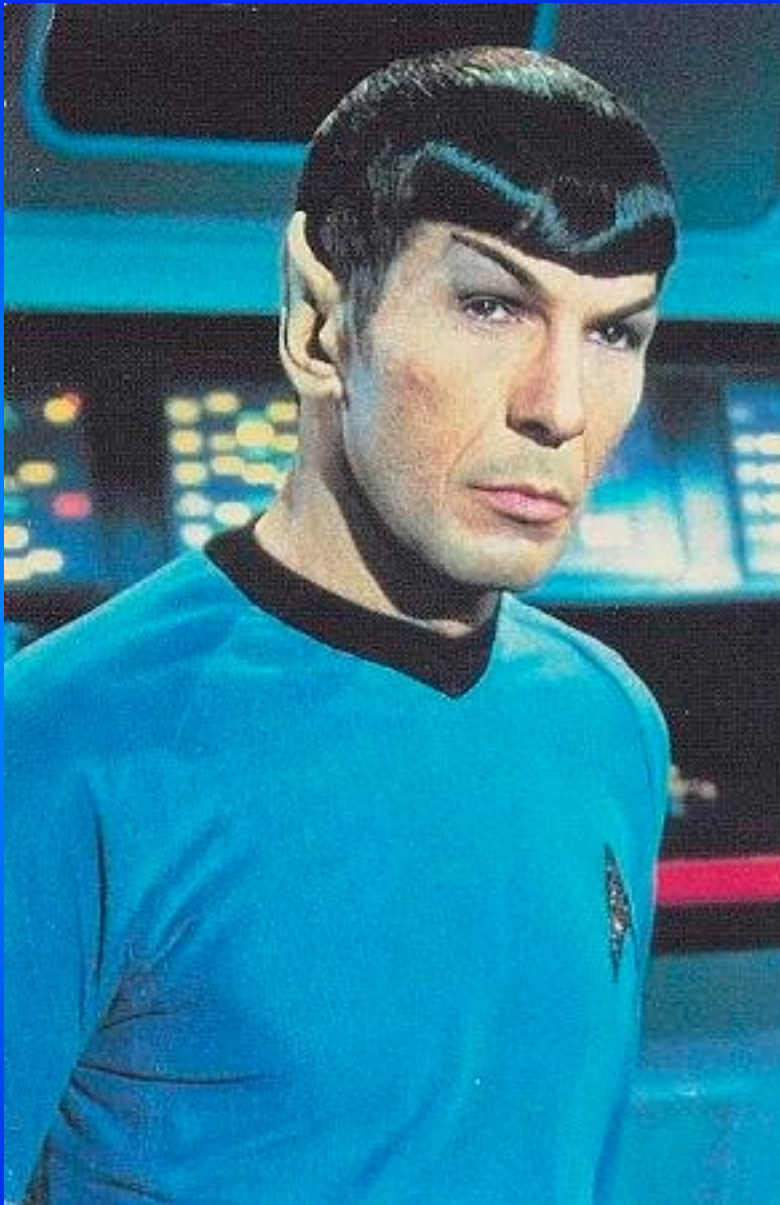


Why is life  
the way it  
is?



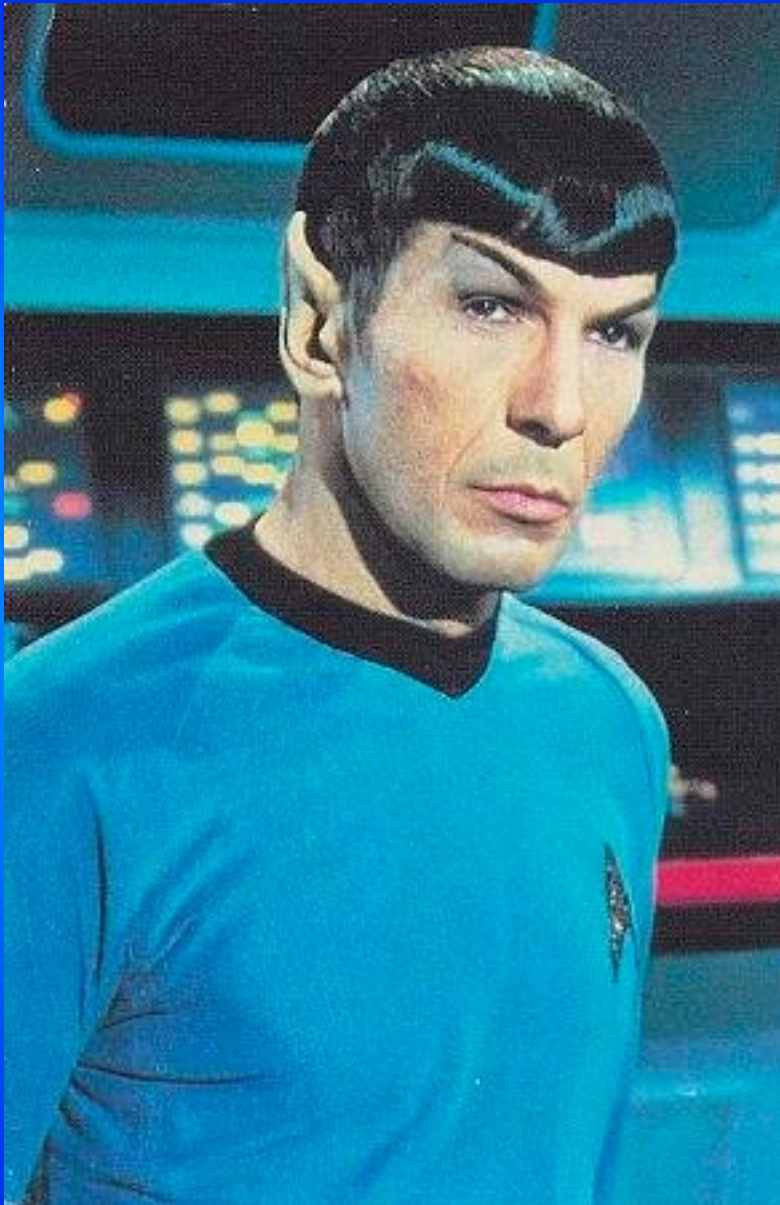
Have the  
Stoics figured  
it out?





Have the  
Stoics figured  
it out?





Stay numb!



How about  
the  
Peripatetics?



Stay busy!

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Maybe the  
Pythagoreans!

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Stay  
mystical!



Plato!



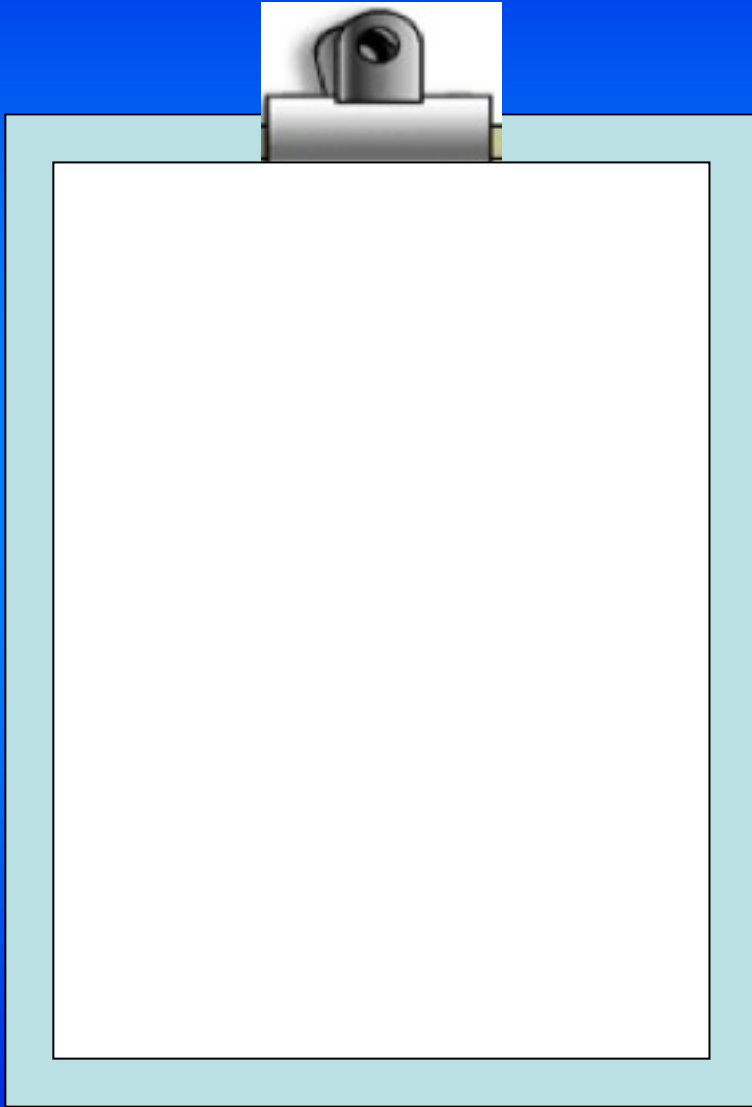
Stay brainy!

At the age of 30!

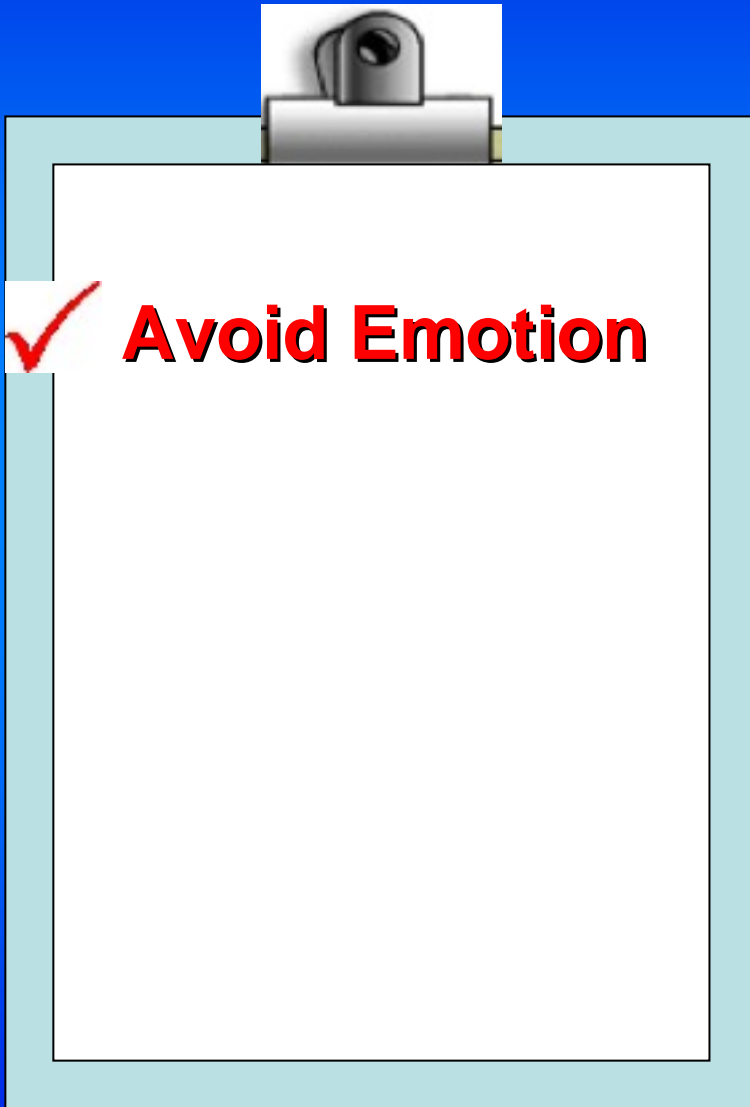




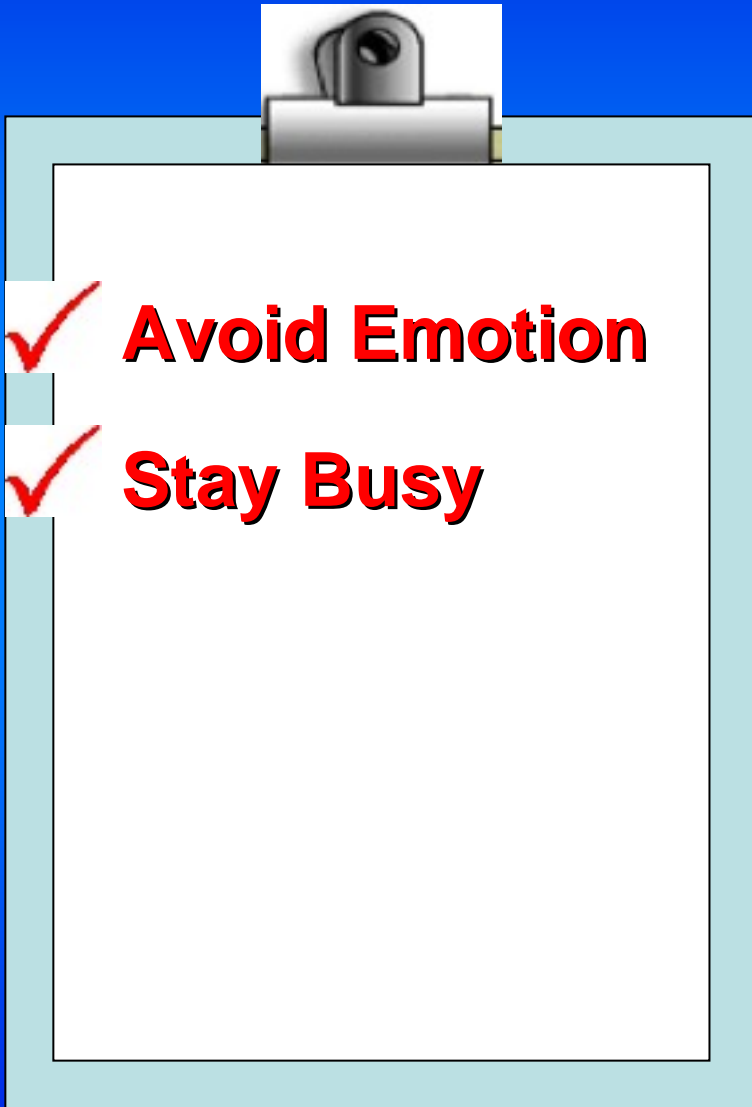
At the age of 30!



# At the age of 30!



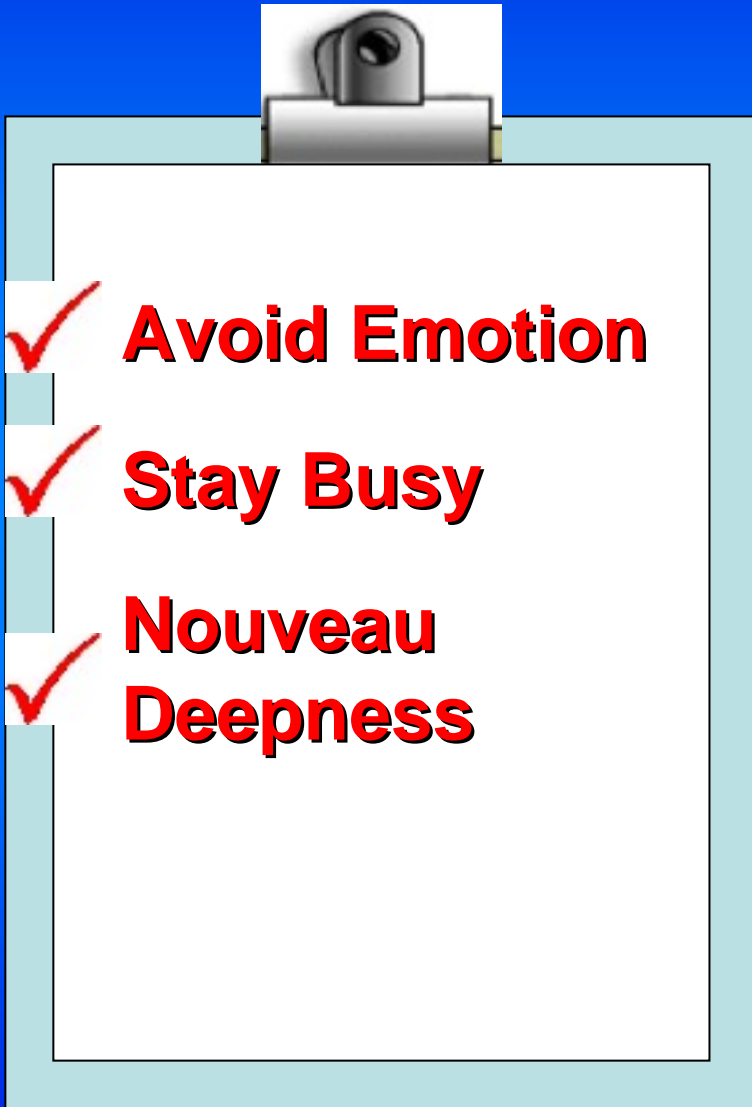
# At the age of 30!



✓ **Avoid Emotion**

✓ **Stay Busy**

# At the age of 30!



# At the age of 30!



# At the age of 30!



Justin  
meets  
Jesus



Justin answers  
the  
philosophical  
questions with  
faith and  
reason



Justin answers  
the  
philosophical  
questions with  
faith and  
reason



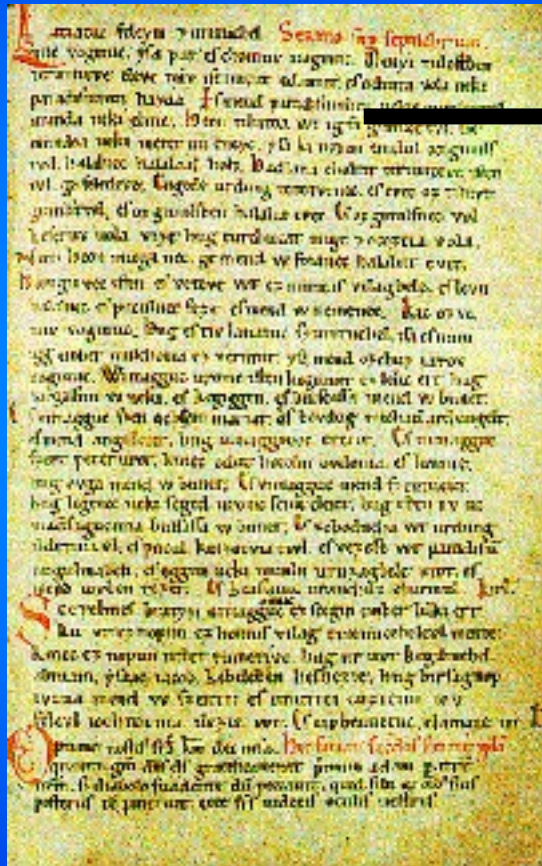


God uses  
Justin to show  
the place of  
faith to an  
educated  
Greek



# Justin's First Apology

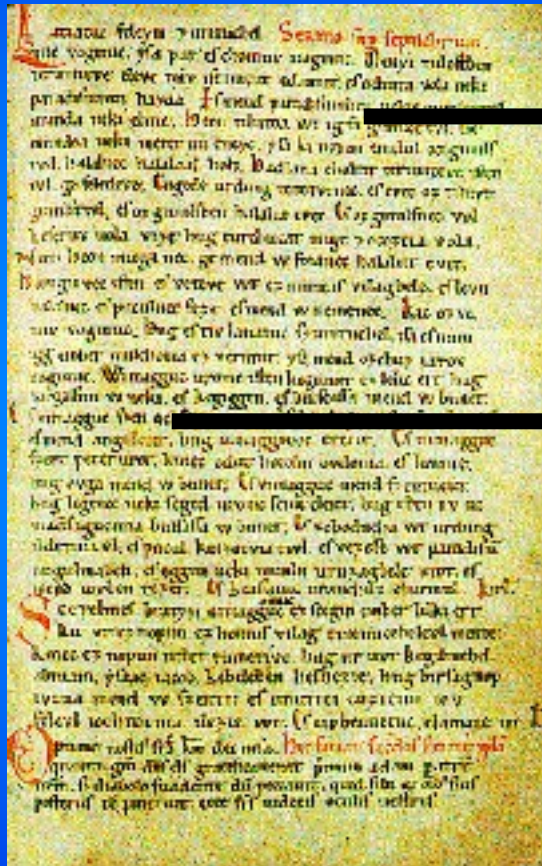
Written 155 ish



# Justin's First Apology

Written 155 ish

To: Emperor Antoninus Pius  
and "philosopher" sons

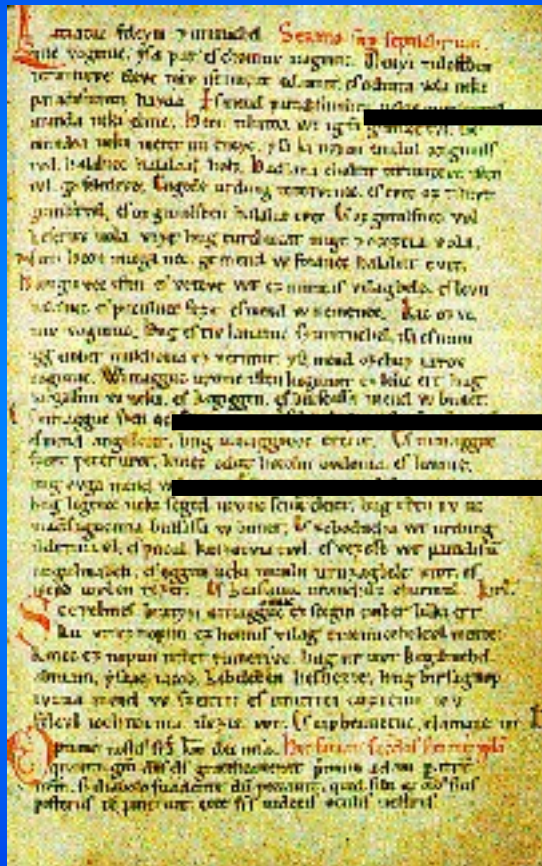


# Justin's First Apology

Written 155 ish

To: Emperor Antoninus Pius  
and “philosopher” sons

On behalf of “those unjustly  
hated and grossly abused  
... myself being one of  
them”



Not asking for sympathy or  
pity ... merely justice



Not asking for sympathy or  
pity ... merely justice



“If, you’re pious ...  
If you’re a  
philosopher who  
loves truth...”

Apology Laid Out:



# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

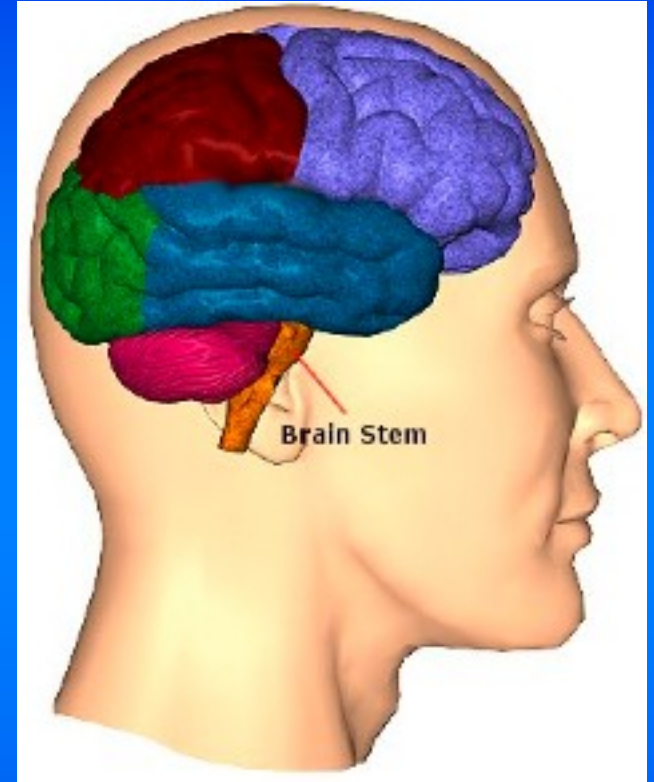
# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

Explains  
truth

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

Explains  
truth

Provides  
his basis for  
faith

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 1: Atheism

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 1: Atheism

Christians  
Worship the  
Creator

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 1: Atheism

Christians  
Worship the  
Creator

- Ignore the pagan myths

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 1: Atheism

Christians  
Worship the  
Creator

- Ignore the pagan myths
- Are those idols real?

Defends  
against  
charges



# Charge 1: Atheism

Christians  
Worship the  
Creator



Defends  
against  
charges

- Ignore the pagan myths
- Are those idols real?
- Don't be naïve about demons!

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Avoid adultery and  
lust

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Avoid adultery and lust
- Fornicators become chaste

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Avoid adultery and lust
- Fornicators become chaste
- Lovers of money become sharers

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!



Defends  
against  
charges

- Avoid adultery and lust
- Fornicators become chaste
- Lovers of money become sharers
- Bigots become families



# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Confidence in  
God's provisions

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

- Confidence in  
God's provisions
- Turn the other  
cheek

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!

Defends  
against  
charges

- Confidence in God's provisions
- Turn the other cheek
- Go the extra mile

# Charge 2: Immorality

Don't believe  
what you hear!



Defends  
against  
charges

- Confidence in God's provisions
- Turn the other cheek
- Go the extra mile
- Peacefully pay taxes

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 3: Disloyalty

Defends  
against  
charges

# Charge 3: Disloyalty



Defends  
against  
charges

We “worship  
God only, but in  
all other things  
we gladly serve  
you”

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges



# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

Explains  
truth



Explains  
truth



Jesus is the  
*logos*, the  
reason, the  
logic, the  
answer

Explains  
truth



Jesus: virgin  
born,  
crucified,  
died, and  
rose again

Explains  
truth



Explains  
truth

Evil:  
demonic in  
origin

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

Explains  
truth

# Apology Laid Out:



Defends  
against  
charges

Explains  
truth

Provides  
his basis for  
faith





Provides  
his basis for  
faith

# Prophecy



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

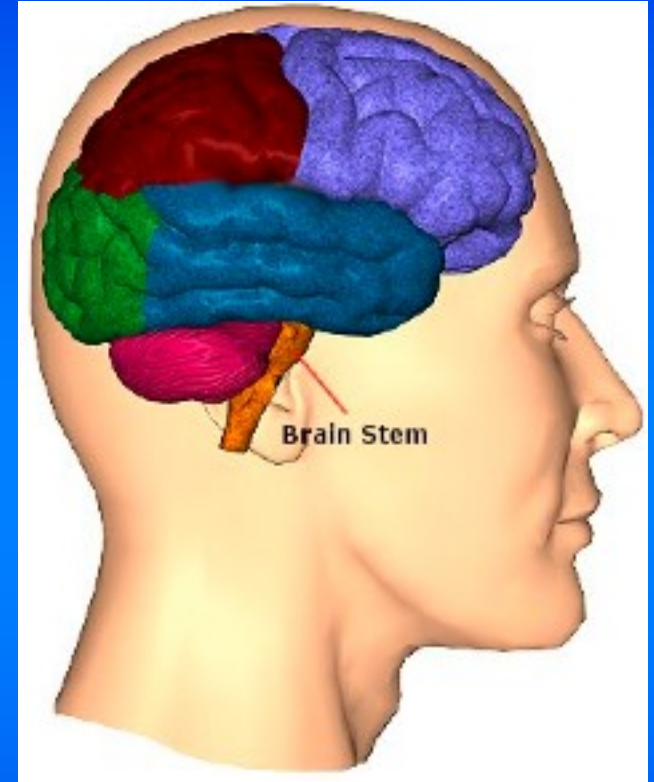
“And you Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler who will shepherd my people.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“And you Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means the least among the cities of Judah, for out of you shall come forth a Ruler who will shepherd my people.”

**Check the census records**



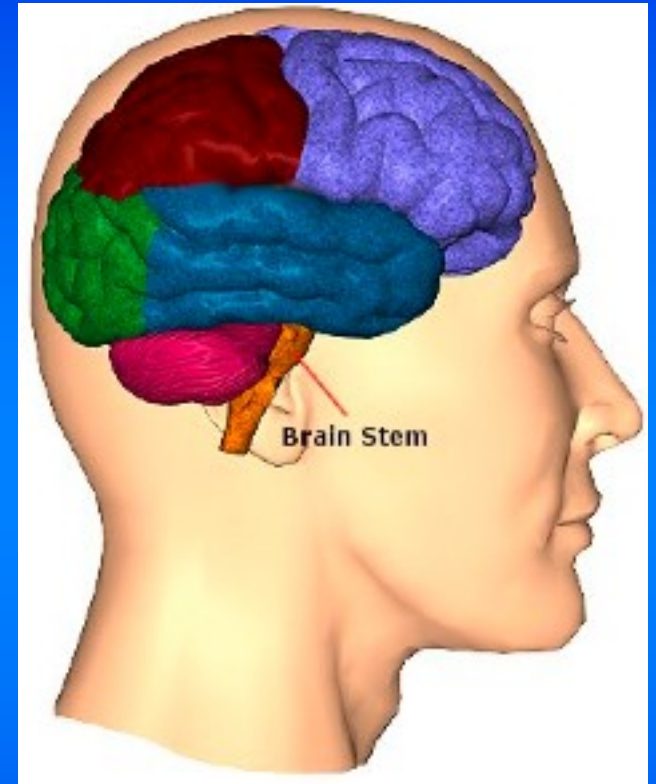
Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“The ruler shall not depart from  
Judah.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“He shall be the expectation of the nations.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“A star shall rise out of Jacob, and a flower shall spring from the root of Jesse; and upon his arm will the nations hope.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“Behold the virgin shall conceive  
and bear a son and they will call  
his name, God with us.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith



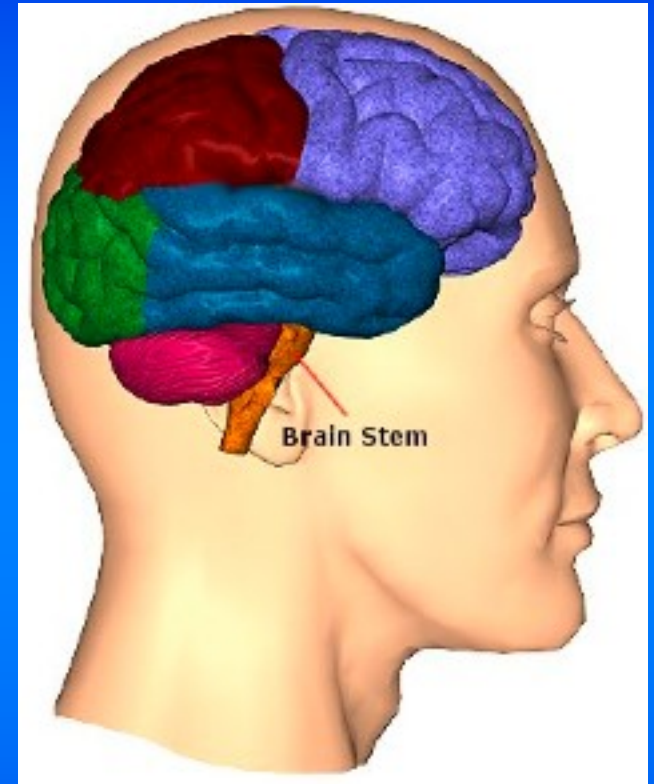
“Behold the virgin shall  
and they will call  
his name, God with us.”

**Check it out in the Septuagint!!!**



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“A child is born to us, and a young man given to us, and the government will be upon his shoulders.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“They pierced my hands and my feet, and cast lots for my clothing.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“They pierced my hands and feet.  
I have looked for my  
clothing.”

**Check Pilate's records**



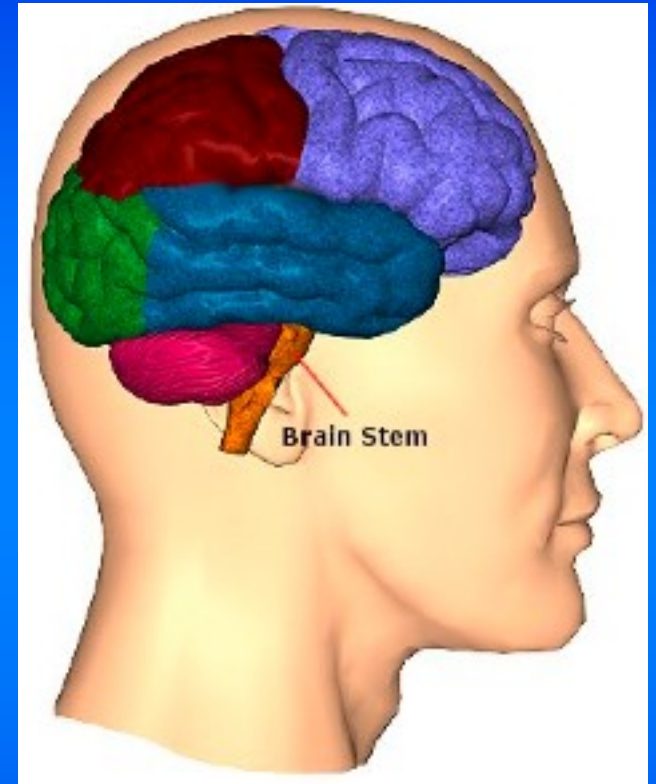
Provides  
his basis for  
faith

“Behold your King comes to you  
mEEK, and riding upon a donkey.”



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

Consider the  
Christians before  
Christ



Provides  
his basis for  
faith

# Final Notes

# Final Notes

- Baptism much like the *Didache*



# Final Notes

- Baptism much like the *Didache*
- The Lord's Supper

# Final Notes

- Baptism much like the *Didache*
- The Lord's Supper
- “You are able to kill us, but not to hurt us!”

# Points for Home

- Christ truly gives life meaning

# Points for Home

- Christ truly gives life meaning
- God is above all and with all

# Points for Home

- Christ truly gives life meaning
- God is above all and with all
- Faith in Christ is a rationale answer