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MARTYRS PART TWO

Lesson 5

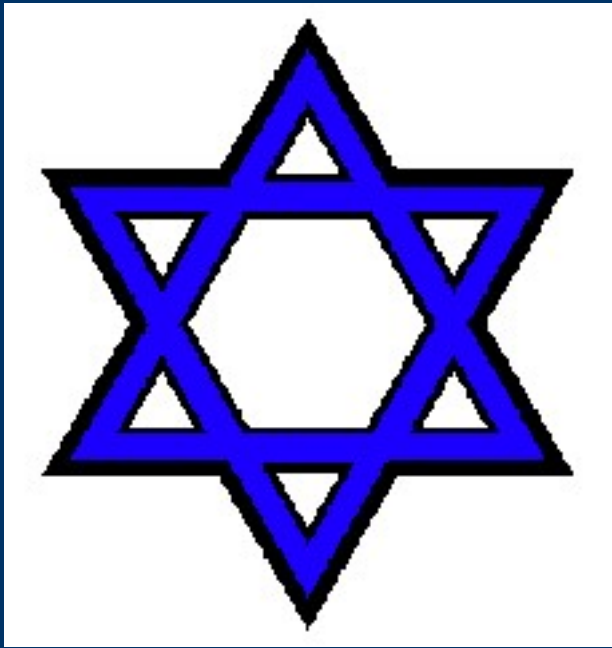
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Why were
Christians
persecuted?

- Jewish
Persecution





- Jewish Persecution

- Local Persecution

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- Local Persecution
- Government Persecution



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Persecution





- Jewish Persecution

- Stephen and others



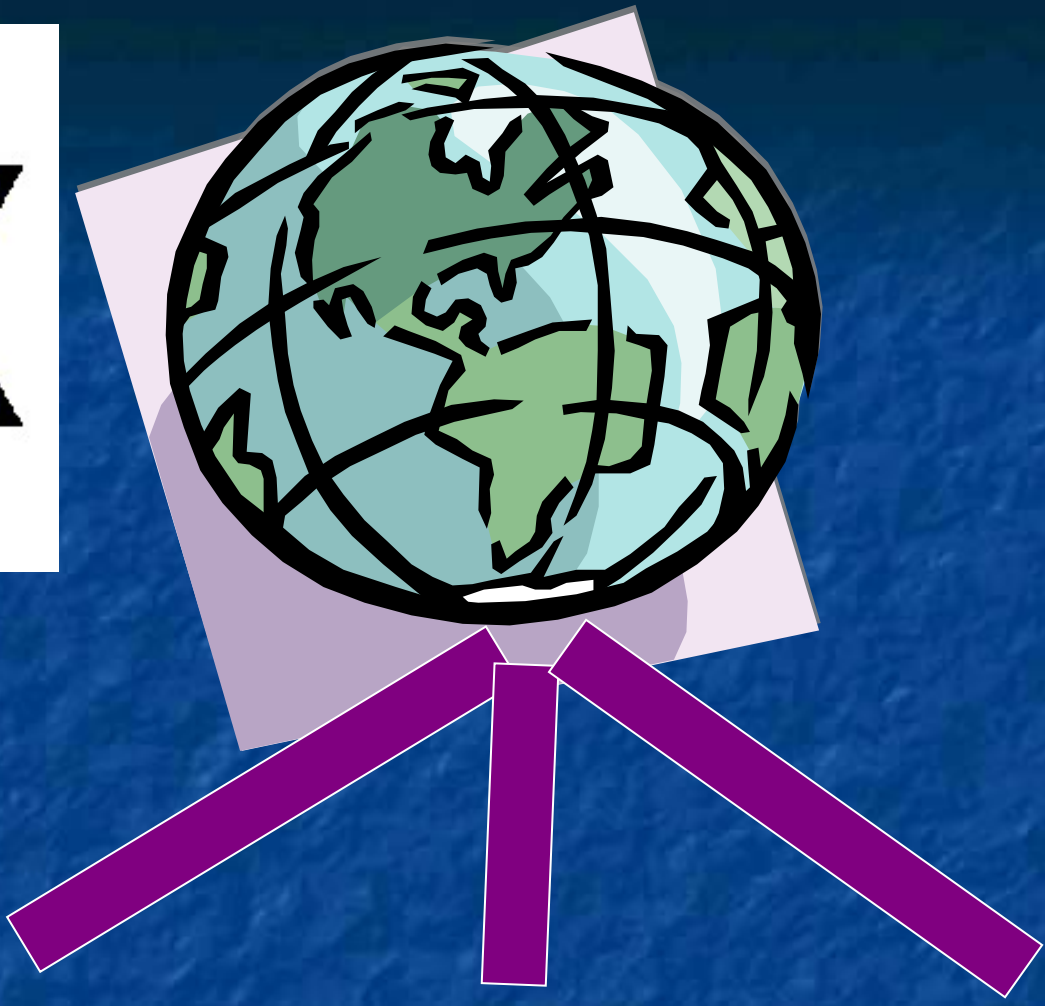
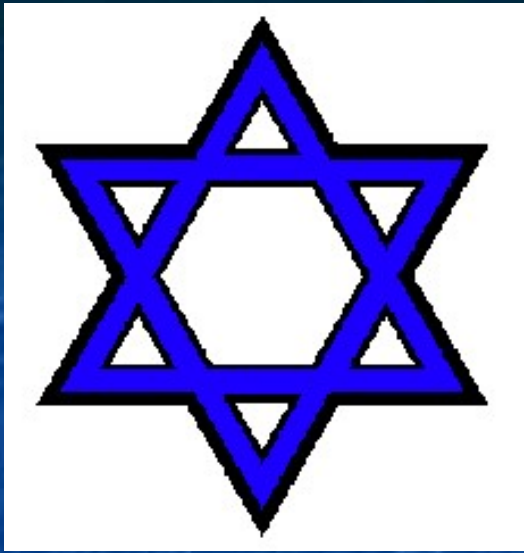
- Jewish Persecution

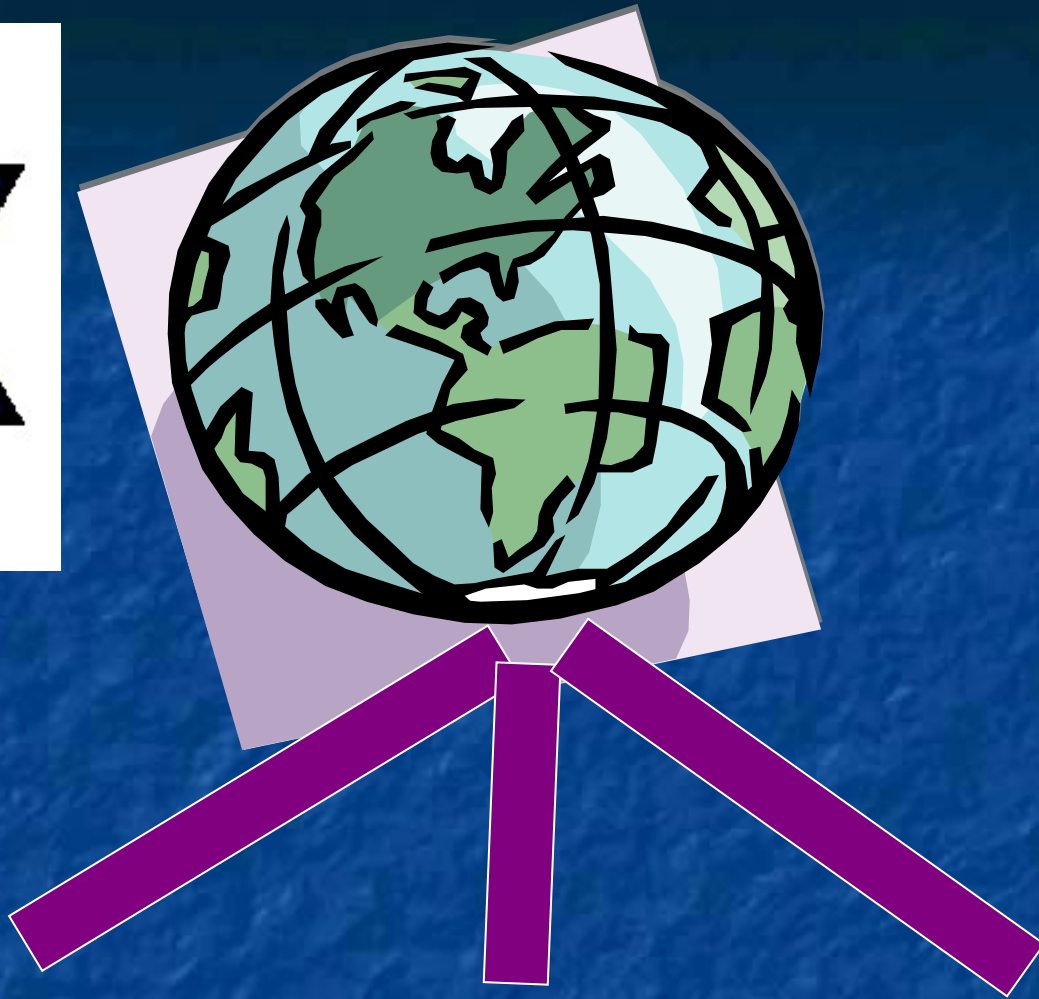
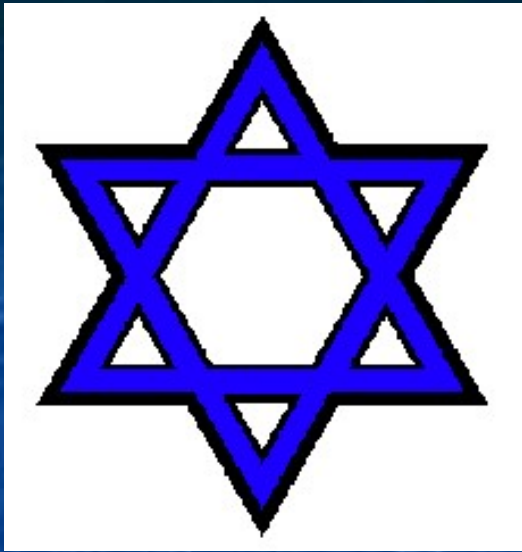
- Paul



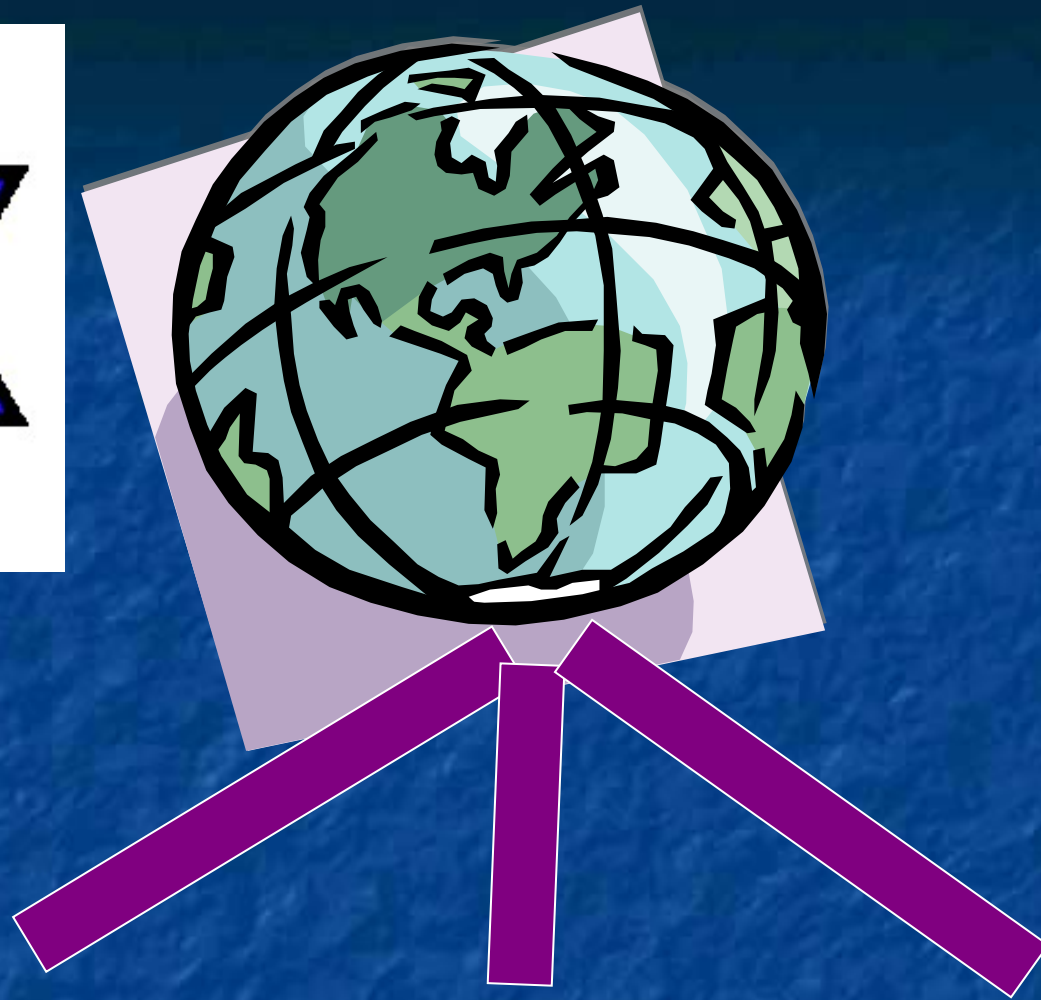
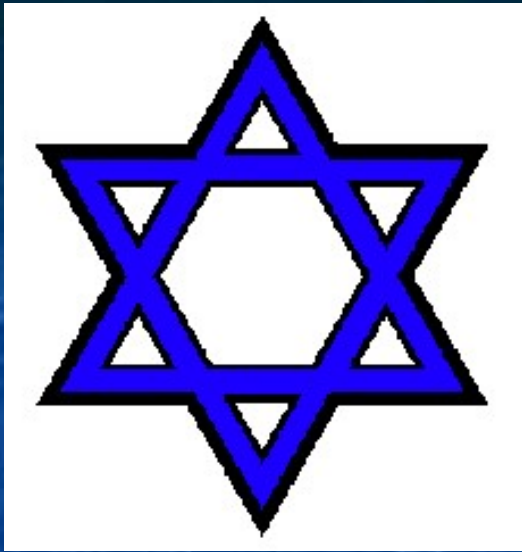
- Jewish Persecution

“Christ crucified
... a stumbling
block to Jews”



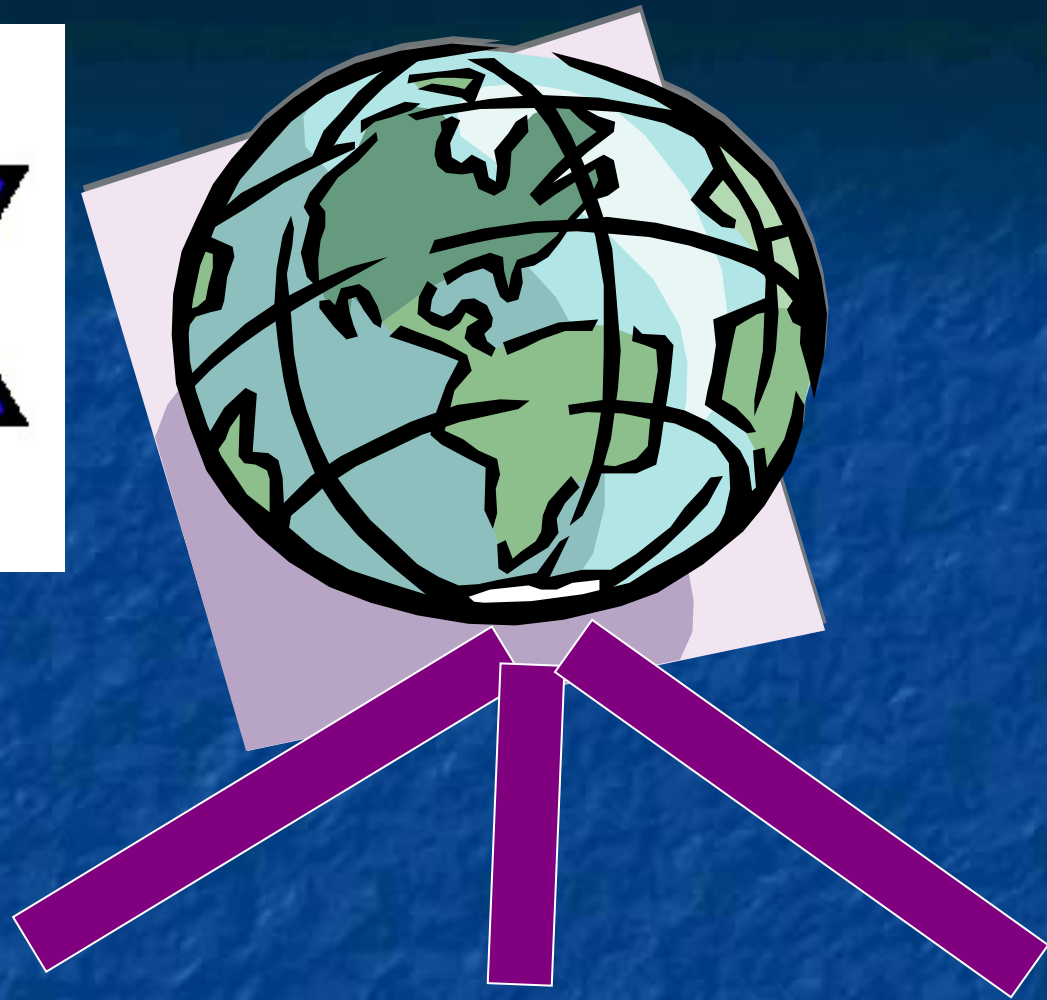
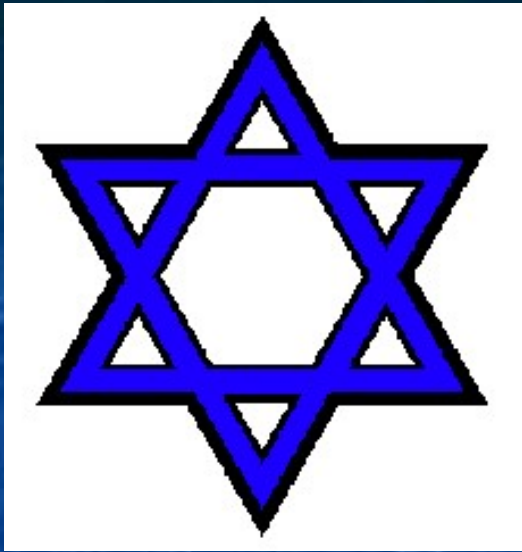


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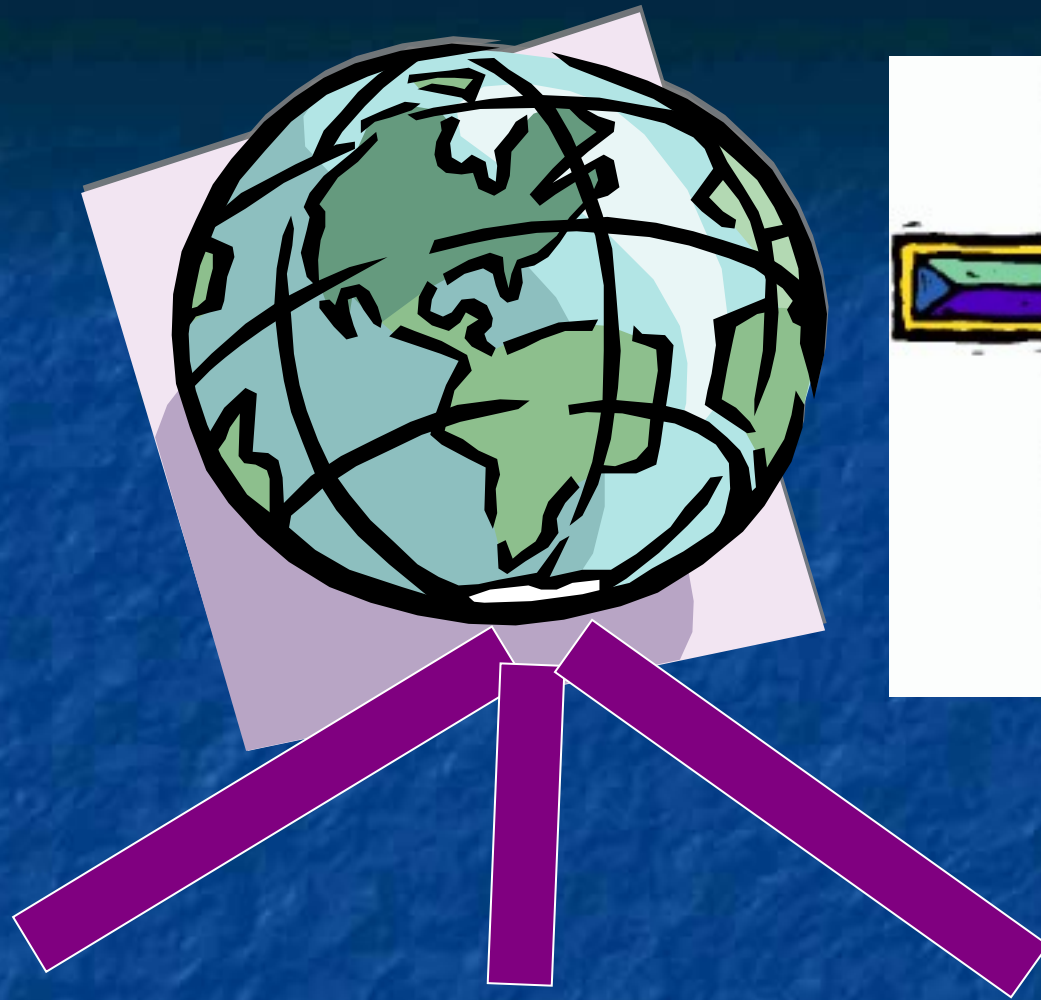
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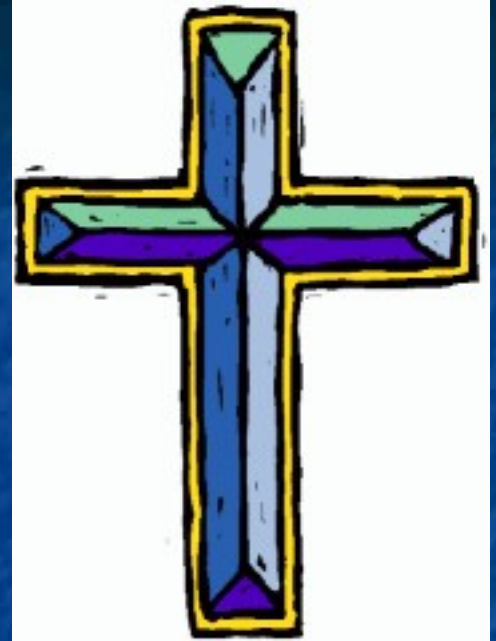
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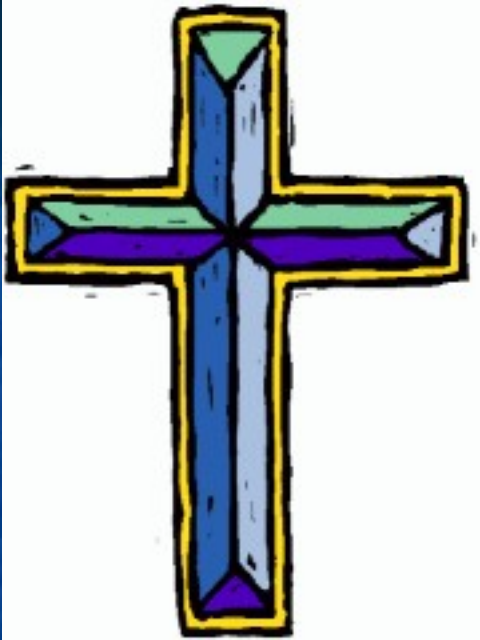
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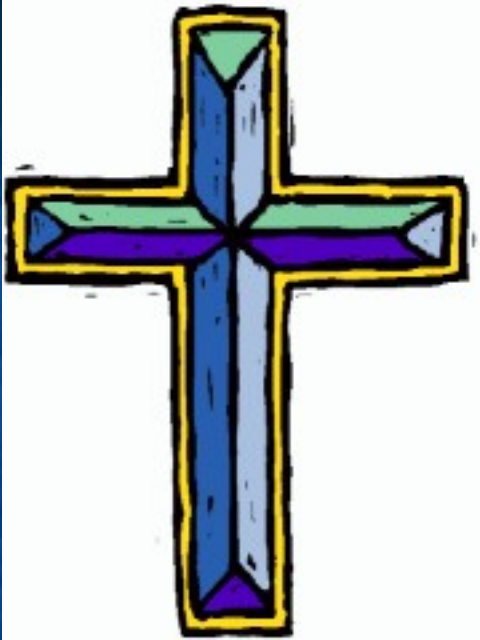
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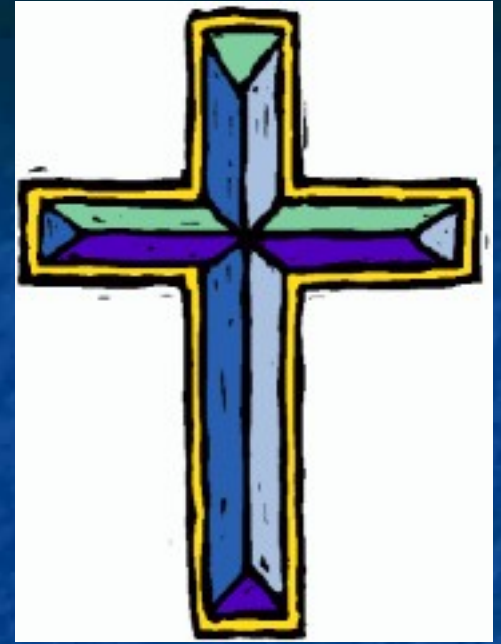
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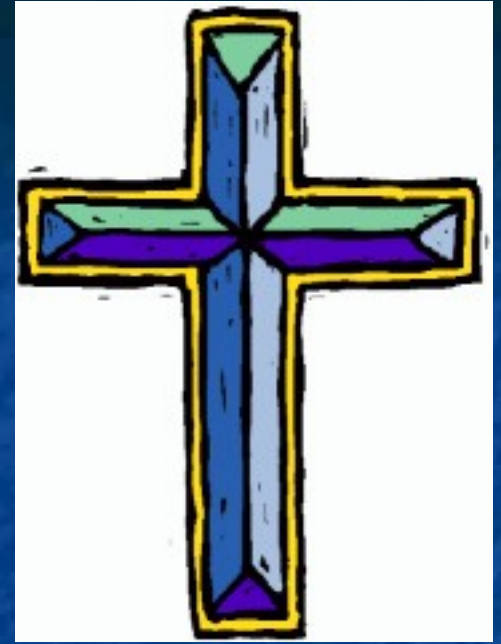
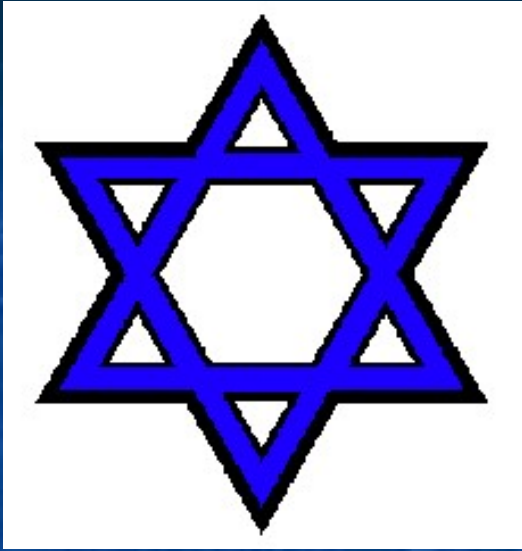
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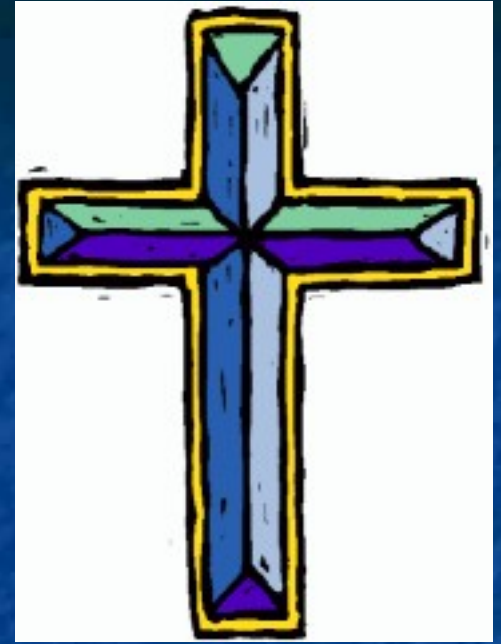
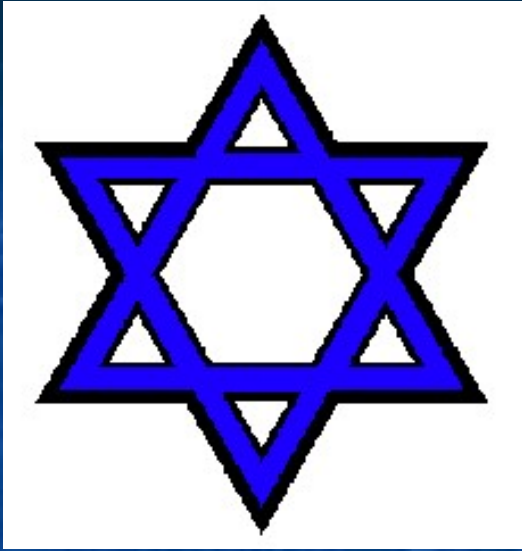
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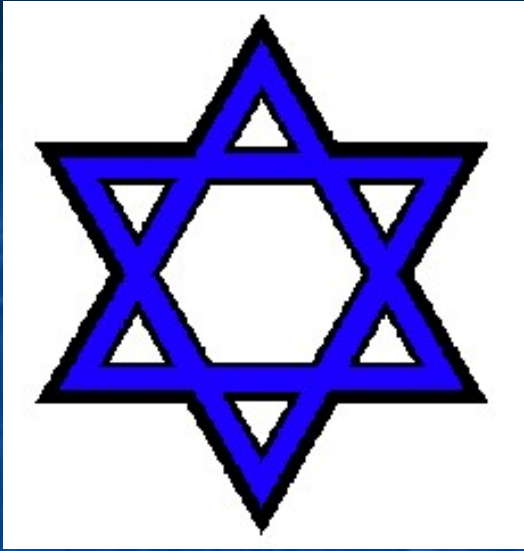
Jewish Power Structure



Jewish Ethnic Pride (Inclusion
of Gentiles)

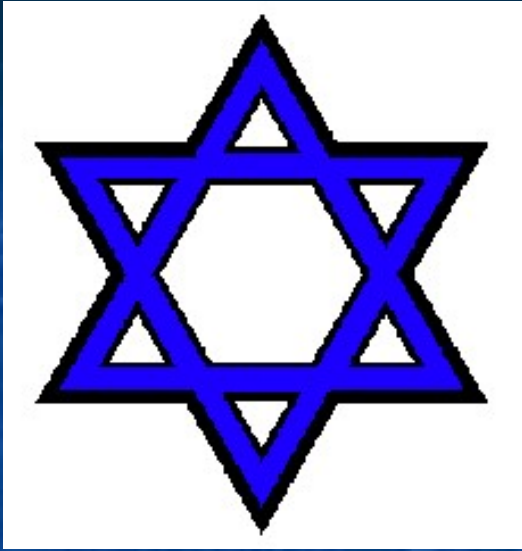


Jealousy (Acts 5:17) and Fear
(Lk 22:2)



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Trouble
Making



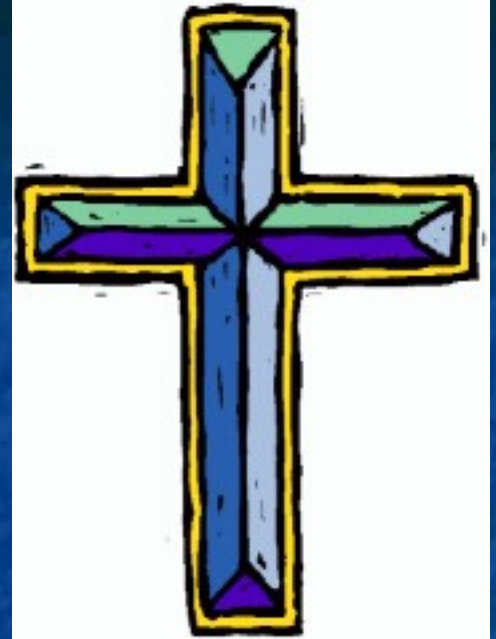


TEACHING Trouble Making



Tertullus: We had a “long
peace.” Paul was a
“troublemaker, stirring up riots”

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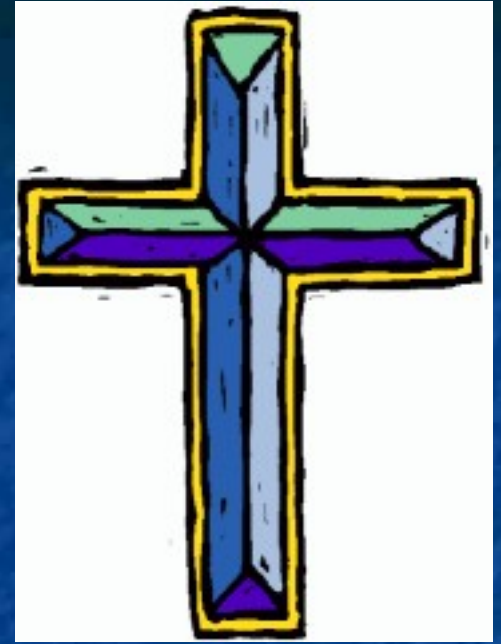
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One God



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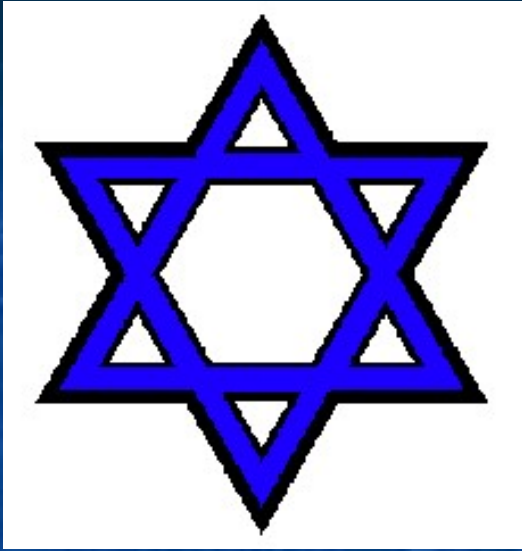
Father, Son,
Holy Spirit



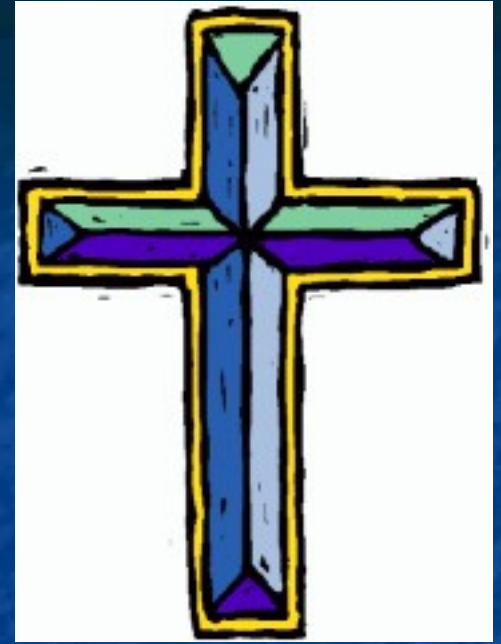
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Temple
Worship



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Worship in
Spirit and Truth



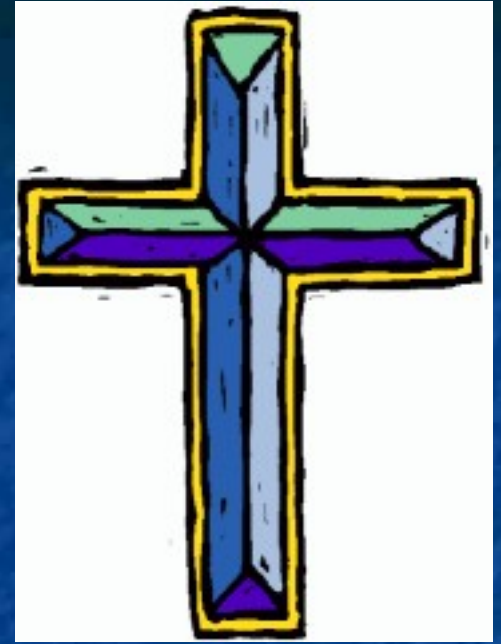
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Sacrificial
system



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Sacrifice of
Christ



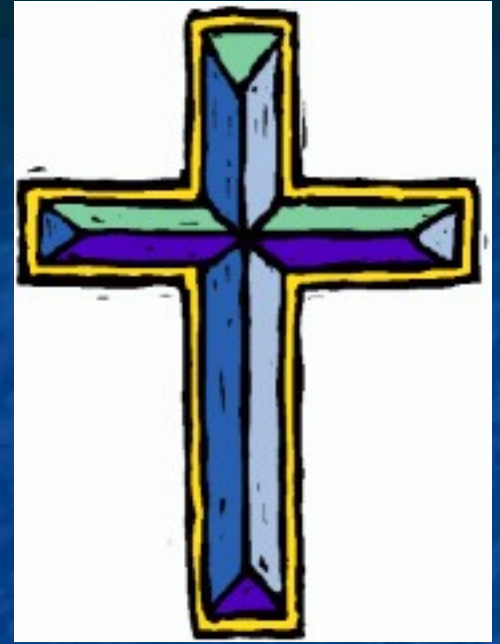
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Priests and
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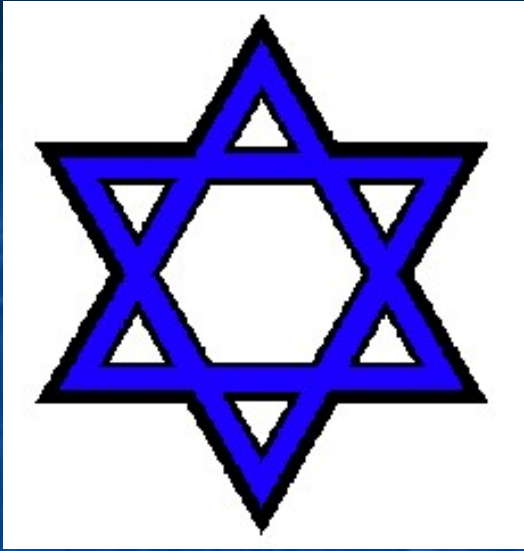
Jesus



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Dietary Laws



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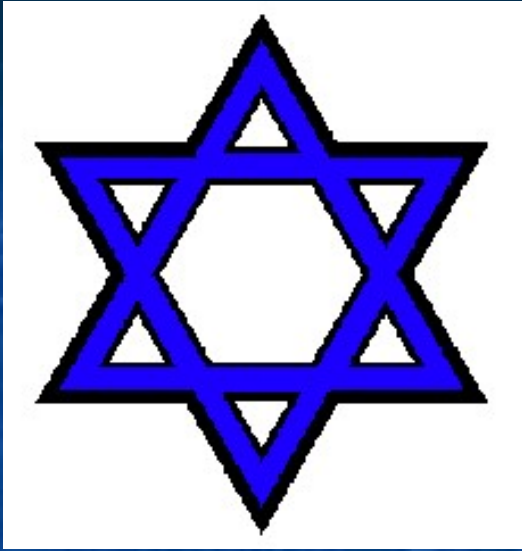
Lifestyle
Choice



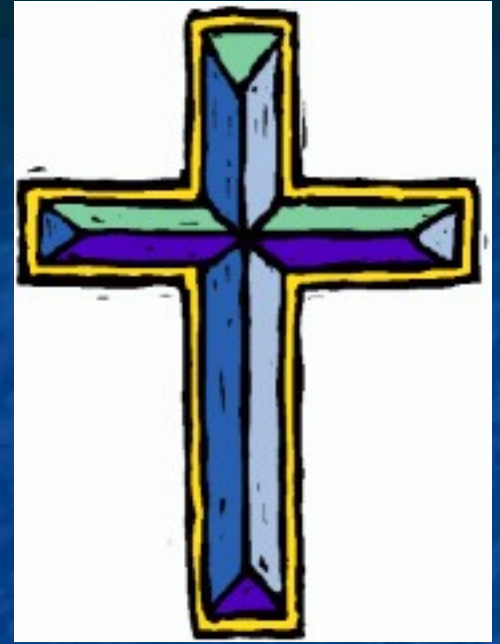
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God's
People



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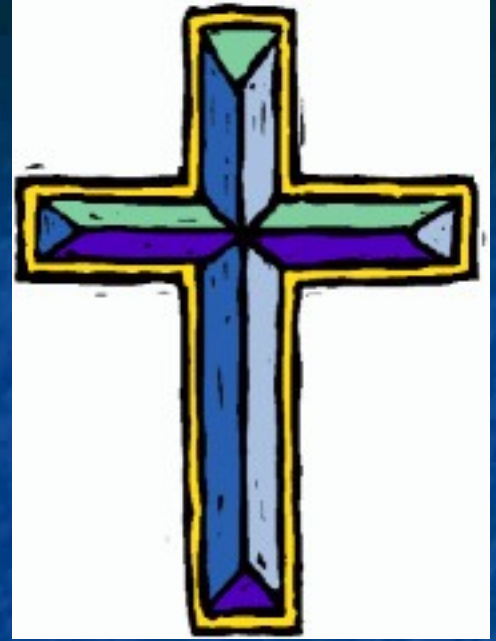
God's Interest
in World



- Local Persecution



Economics





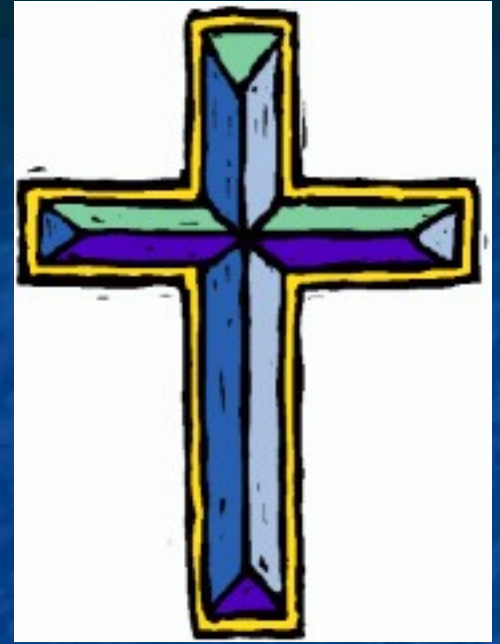
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Idol System



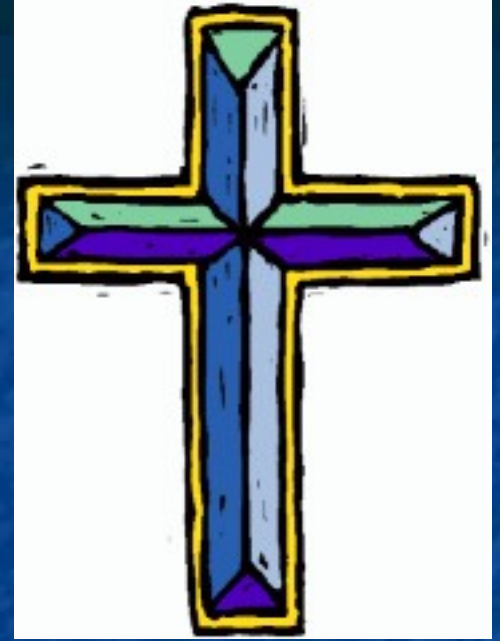
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Idol System

Jesus

False Rumors

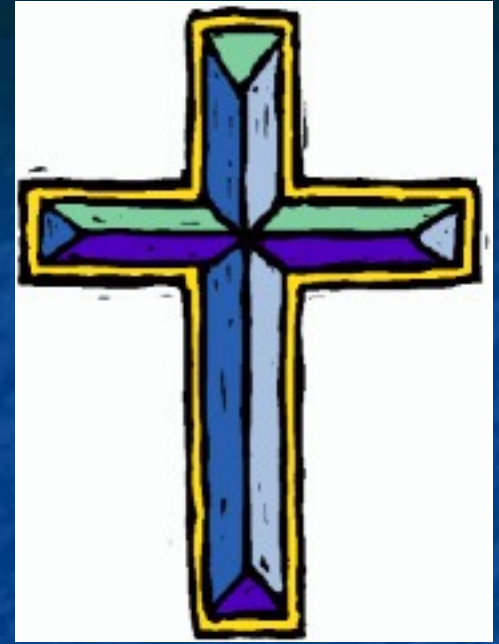


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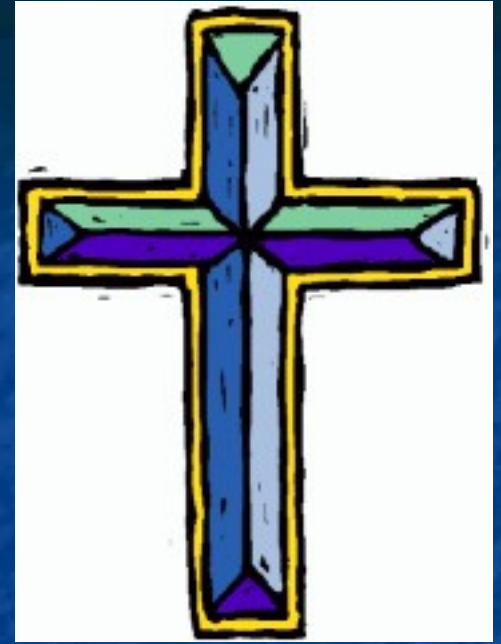
Closed Communion or
Cannibalism?

False Rumors



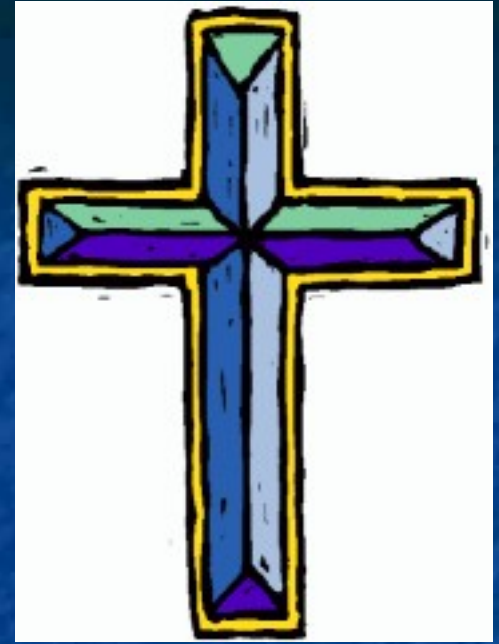
Secret Societies

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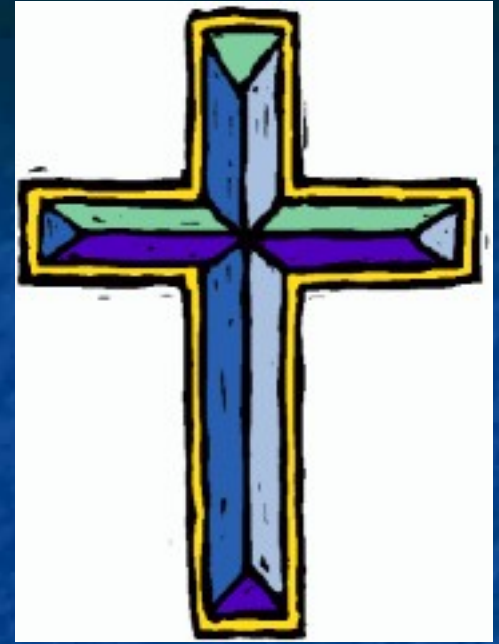
Incest

False Rumors



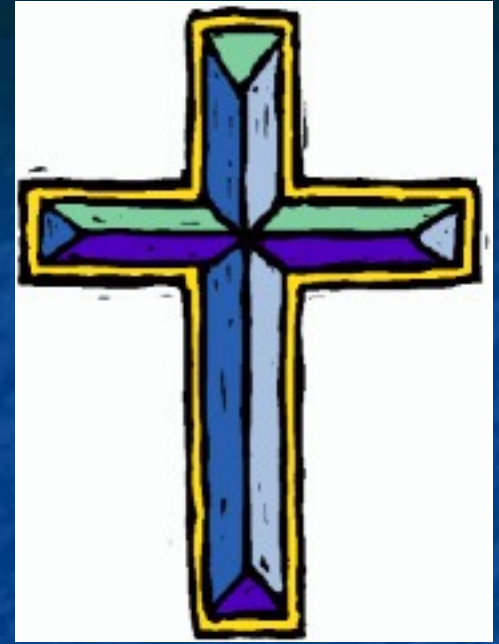
Heretical Groups

False Rumors



They love one another before they know one another ... It is a religion of lust, and they call one another promiscuously brothers and sisters...

False Rumors



They explain their ceremonies by reference to a man punished by the deadly wood of the cross. Now about the initiation of novices On a solemn day they assemble at the feast...



- Government Persecution

Nero



Nero

- **July 18, 64 AD**



Nero

A man with a long dark beard, wearing a white robe and a white head covering, is shown in profile on the left side of the frame. He is pointing his right hand towards the right. The background is a dark, smoky landscape with a large, bright orange and red volcanic eruption in the distance. The overall scene is dramatic and suggests a historical or biblical event.

- **July 18, 64 AD**
- **6 Days, 11 of 15 districts**

Nero

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- **July 18, 64 AD**
- **6 Days, 11 of 15 districts**
- **Death destruction and no insurance**


Nero

**Christian
Scapegoats**



Nero's Circus - Site of Many Martyrdoms





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Peter: Christians suffer “grief in all kinds of trials ... Repay evil with blessing” (1 Pet 1:6; 3:9)

Domitian



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Ritual taxes paid in homage of
God Jupiter

Emperor Trajan



Pliny the Younger



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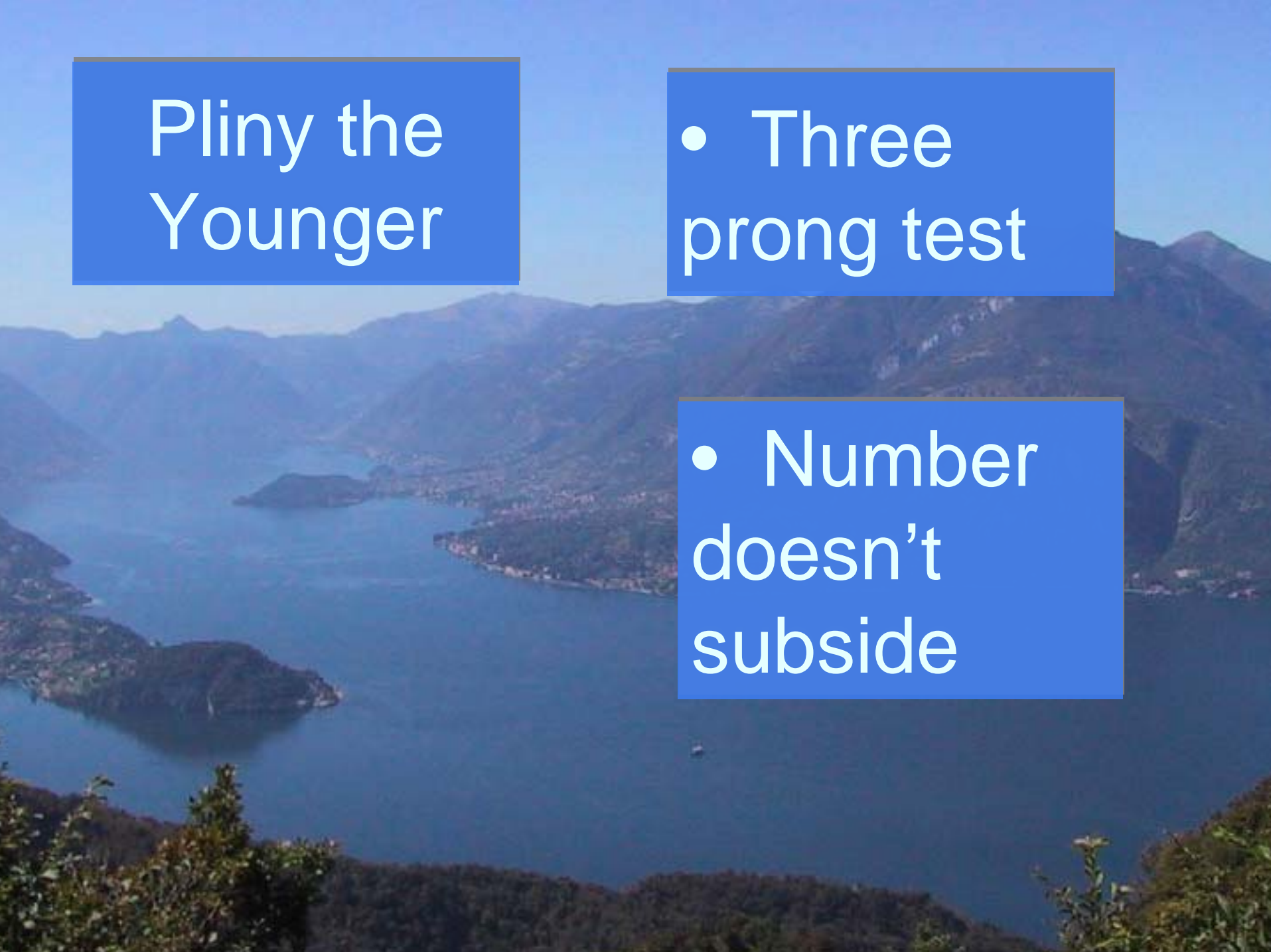
- Three prong test



Pliny the Younger

- Three prong test

- Number doesn't subside



Pliny the Younger

they were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to Christ as to a god, and to bind themselves by oath, not to some crime, but not to commit fraud, theft, or adultery, not falsify their trust, nor to refuse to return a trust when called upon to do so. When this was over, it was their custom to depart and to assemble again to partake of food--but ordinary and innocent food. ^L

Next week: The Mindset of a martyr: Ignatius and Polycarp



Points for Home

2 Tim. 3:12: “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

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5. The real question: If no persecution, why not?