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# THE MISSIONAL BATON





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# **THE EARLY CHURCH**

***WHY THIS SERIES?***

**WE ARE A PART  
OF SOMETHING  
BIGGER. WE ARE  
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CHURCH HISTORY.**

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OF HIS-STORY***

		<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Missional Focus</b>
Week 1	<b>The Early Church</b>	30 ~ 500 AD	Jewish Diaspora
Week 2	<b>The Medieval Church</b>	500 ~ 1500 AD	Silk Road
Week 3	<b>The Early Protestant Church</b>	1500 ~ 1900 AD	Missions to Asia
Week 4	<b>The Modern Church</b>	1900 ~ Current	Holy Spirit & Malaysia

**But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.**

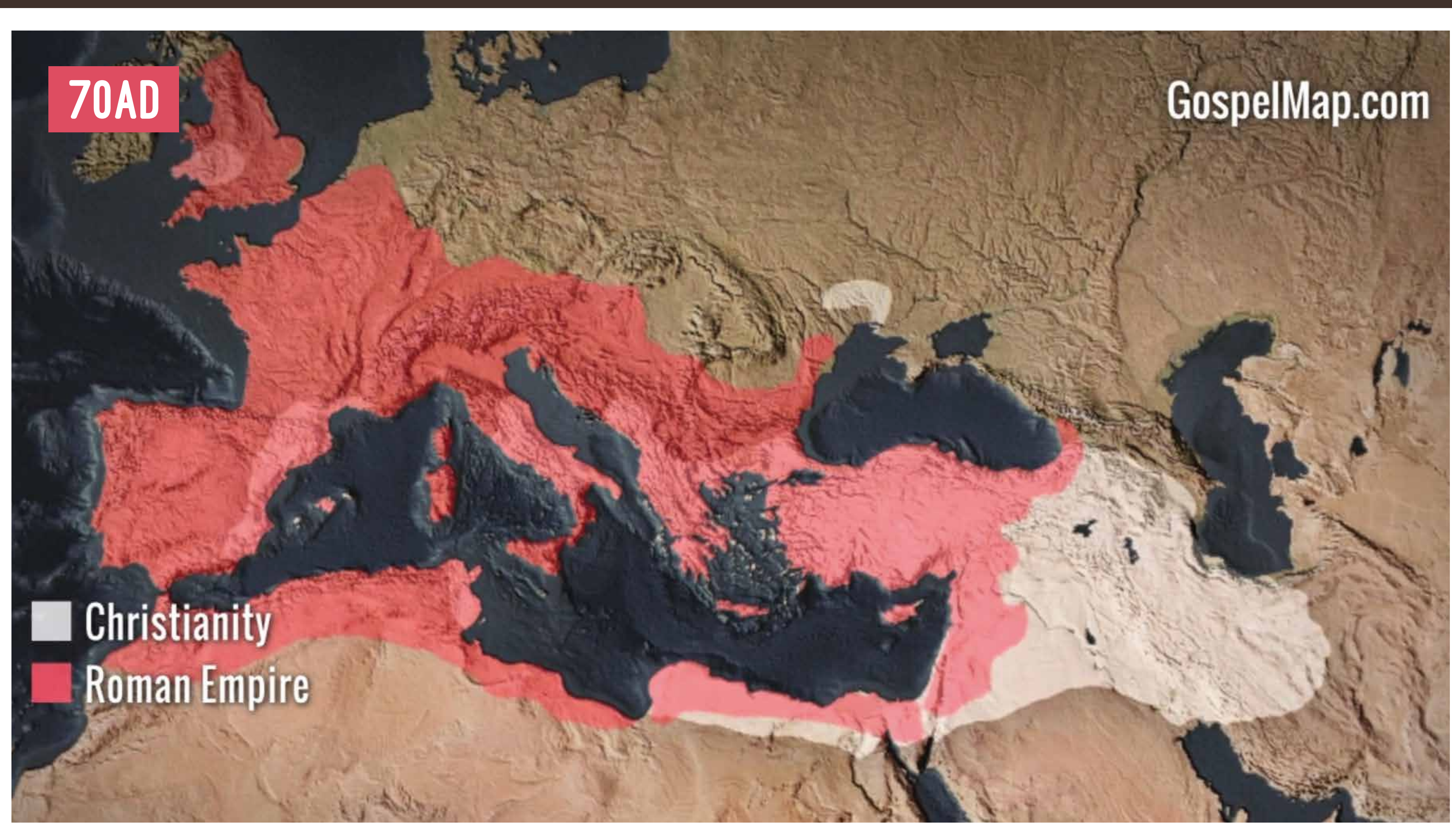
**ACTS 12:24**

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# KEY THEMES

- 1.** Church Fathers
- 2.** Canonization of the Bible
- 3.** External Persecution
- 4.** Internal Heresies
- 5.** Formation of the Church

**MISSIONAL  
MOVEMENT  
FOCUS:  
JEWISH  
DIASPORA**

<sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup> Now there were **dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation** under heaven.

**ACTS 2:4-5**

<sup>6</sup> And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup> **Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup> both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”**



## ACTS 2:4-5

# THE FIRST MISSIONAL MOVEMENT WAS THE JEWISH DIASPORA





# 5 LAYES OF CULTURAL CLOSENESS

- Jews
- Hellenist
- Proselytes (Converts)
- God-fearers
- Gentiles

**<sup>27</sup> And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”**

**ACTS 8:27-29**

<sup>1</sup> After this **Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.** <sup>2</sup> And he found a **Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla,** because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome.

**ACTS 18:1-2**

And he left there and went to the house of a man named **Titius Justus, a worshiper of God**. His house was next door to the synagogue.

**ACTS 18:7**

# LESSONS ON MISSIONAL BATON:

1. Ordinary People
2. Daily Routines
3. Natural Relationships
4. Spreading the Word

**GOD USES ORDINARY  
PEOPLE, GOING  
THROUGH DAILY  
ROUTINES, IN  
THEIR NATURAL  
RELATIONSHIP TO  
SPREAD THE WORD**