

A BRIEF JOURNEY
THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

THE MISSIONAL BATON





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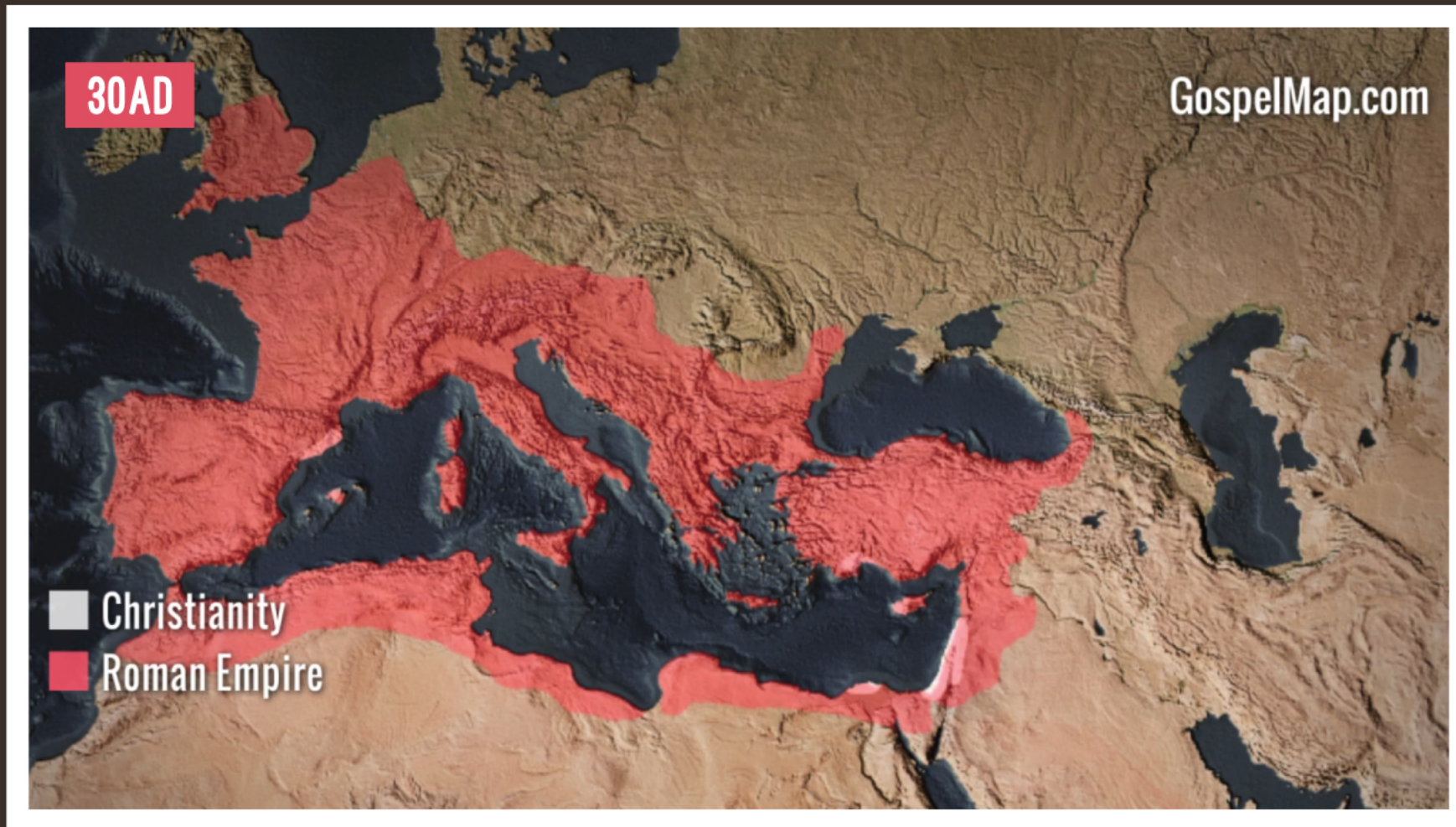
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		Timeline	Missional Focus
Week 1	The Early Church	30 ~ 500 AD	Jewish Diaspora
Week 2	The Medieval Church	500 ~ 1500 AD	Silk Road
Week 3	The Early Protestant Church	1500 ~ 1900 AD	Missions to Asia
Week 4	The Modern Church	1900 ~ Current	Holy Spirit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

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

ACTS 12:24

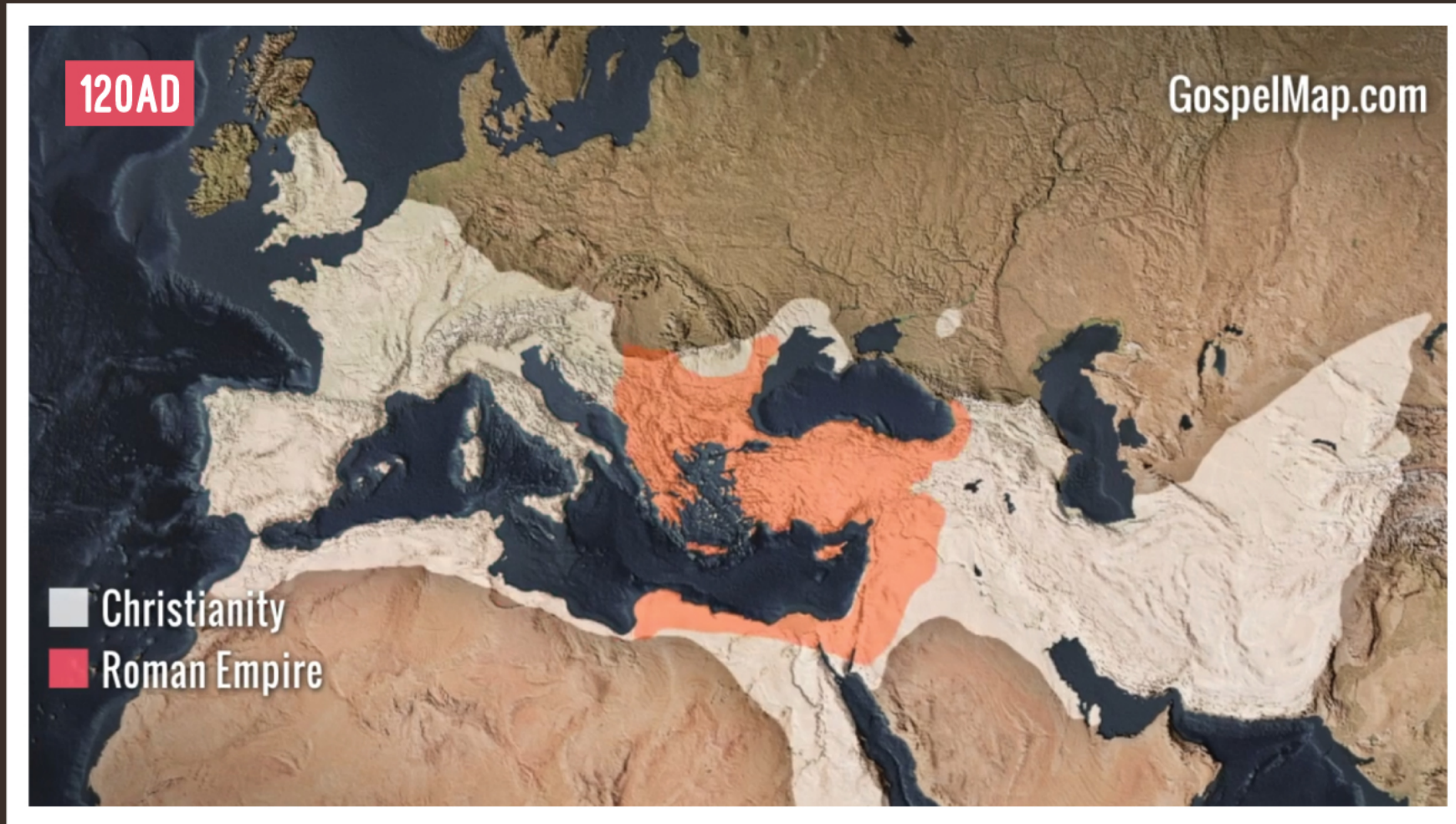
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KEY THEMES

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

**MISSIONAL
MOVEMENT
FOCUS:
JEWISH
DIASPORA**

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

ACTS 2:4-5

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



ACTS 2:6-11

5 LAYERS OF CULTURAL CLOSENESS

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

²⁷ 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** ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.”

ACTS 8:27-29

¹ After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² 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

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PEOPLE, GOING
THROUGH DAILY
ROUTINES, IN
THEIR NATURAL
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SPREAD THE WORD***