

## Background to Church History Quiz

# THE ROMAN WORLD

1. Which two languages would Jesus most likely have spoken? [4 points each blank]
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
2. What were the other two widely spoken languages of the Roman Empire during Jesus' lifetime here on earth? [4 points each blank]
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is commonly accepted as the date of the founding of the City of Rome. [2 points]
4. List two factors that contributed to the demise of the Roman Republic. [4 points each blank]
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who were the men who made up the “triumvirate”? [4 points each blank]
- a.
  - b.
  - c.
6. Spartacus was . . . [3 points]
- a. the first emperor of Rome.
  - b. a slave and a gladiator who led an unsuccessful, but spectacular revolt against Rome.
  - c. the consort of Cleopatra.
  - d. a noted Roman Senator from the days of the Roman Republic.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was the name (in Latin) given to the two centuries of peace and prosperity that the reign of Augustus brought to the Roman Empire. [3 points]
8. What were two identifying factors of the Jewish people in the ancient world? [4 points each blank]
- a.
  - b.

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For #9-13, match the description with the appropriate term from those provided below. [3 points each]

Patrician

Plebeian

*Pontifex Maximus*

*Princeps*

Tribune

9. \_\_\_\_\_ First citizen.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ A member of one of the original citizen families of ancient Rome.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ The high priest.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ A commoner.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ One who would represent the commoners in the government.

For #14-20, identify each of the following statements as a description of either “Sadducees” or “Pharisees.” [3 points each]

14. \_\_\_\_\_ played a big role in the death of Jesus
  15. \_\_\_\_\_ reform and progress oriented
  16. \_\_\_\_\_ considered only the Pentateuch to be authoritative
  17. \_\_\_\_\_ believed in an afterlife and judgment
  18. \_\_\_\_\_ primarily made up of scholars
  19. \_\_\_\_\_ primarily made up of priests
  20. \_\_\_\_\_ got along well with the Romans
21. While inconclusive, there is some speculation that \_\_\_\_\_ may have had some connection with the Essenes. [3 points]

22. In general, the term “diaspora” describes... [3 points]
- a. the dispersion of Jews throughout the known ancient world.
  - b. the slave trade as it existed in the Roman Empire.
  - c. the practice of Roman emperors placating the public with “bread and circuses.”
  - d. the practice in ancient Rome of couples living in concubinage.

23. The Septuagint was . . . [3 points]
- a. an ancient collection of writings attributed to the Essenes, that were found in 1947.
  - b. the first five books of the Hebrew Bible.
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