

The Chronicles of Narnia

"Now diving between them, now tossing them in the air with his huge and beautifully velveted paws and catching them again and now stopping unexpectedly so that all three of them rolled over together in a happy laughing heap of fur and arms and legs. It was such a romp as no one has ever had except in Narnia."

"The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there."

Zechariah 8:5



Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.

~Martin Luther

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Matthew 28:8

"A fresh, blunt and highly persuasive account of how the West was won—for Jesus." —Newsweek

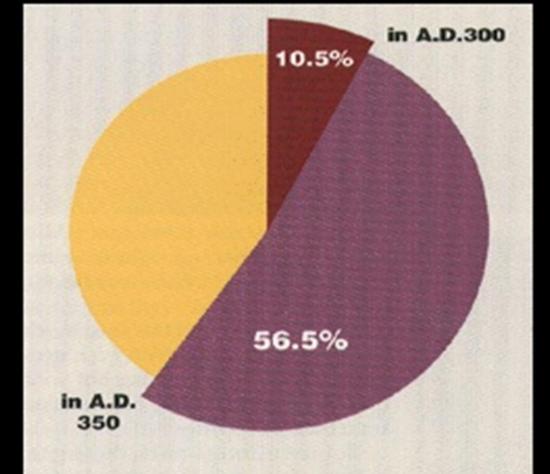
THE ~ RISE OF CHRISTIANITY



How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant

Religious Force in the Western World in a Few Centuries

RODNEY STARK



Year	Number of Christians	Percent of Empire's Population
100	7,500	0.0126
150	41,000	0.07
200	220,000	0.36
250	1,170,000	1.9
300	6,300,000	10.5
350	34,000,000	56.5

The Resurrection compels Jesus' followers to joyful devotion.

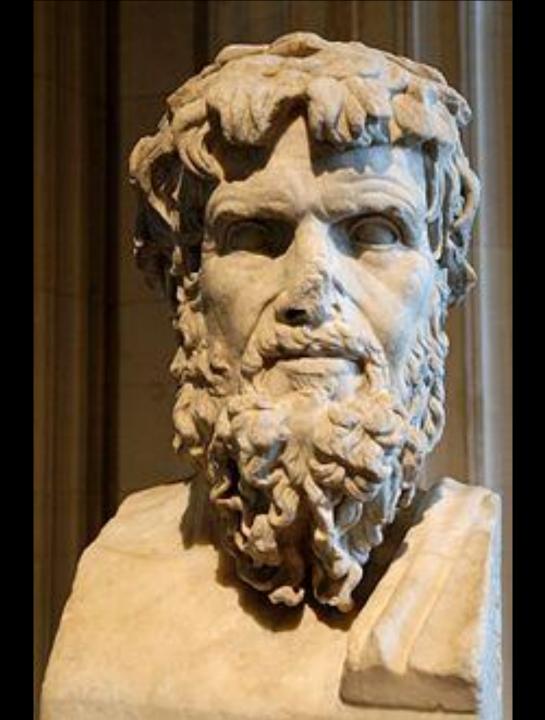
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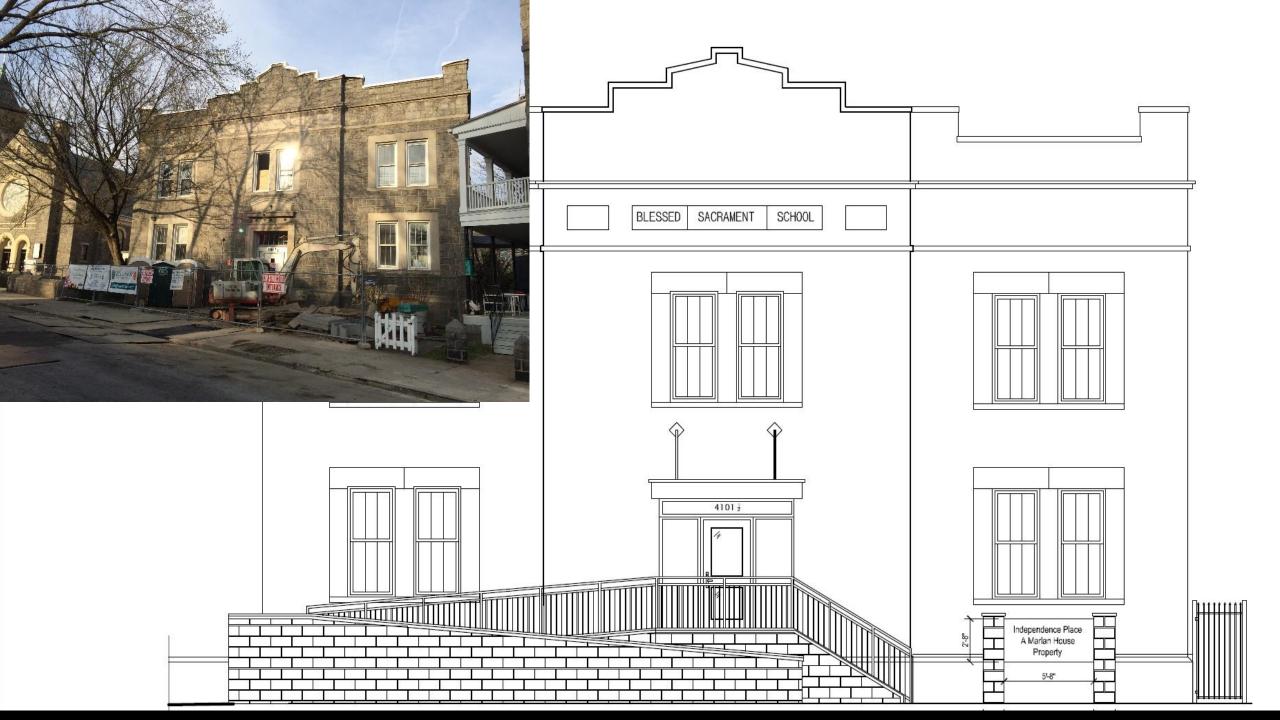
1) Esteems the Devalued

"Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb." vs1



"only foolish and low individuals, and persons devoid of perception, and slaves, and women, and children, of whom the teachers of the divine word wish to make converts."

Celsus, 2nd-century Greek philosopher and opponent of Early Christianity.







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2) Embraces the Doubters

"And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted."

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After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs, that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:3

"I believe those witnesses that get their throats cut."

Blaise Pascal, French Mathematician 1623-1662

I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between Him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creation of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded His empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him.

-Napoleon

3) Empowers the Disciple-makers

"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,...." 18, 19

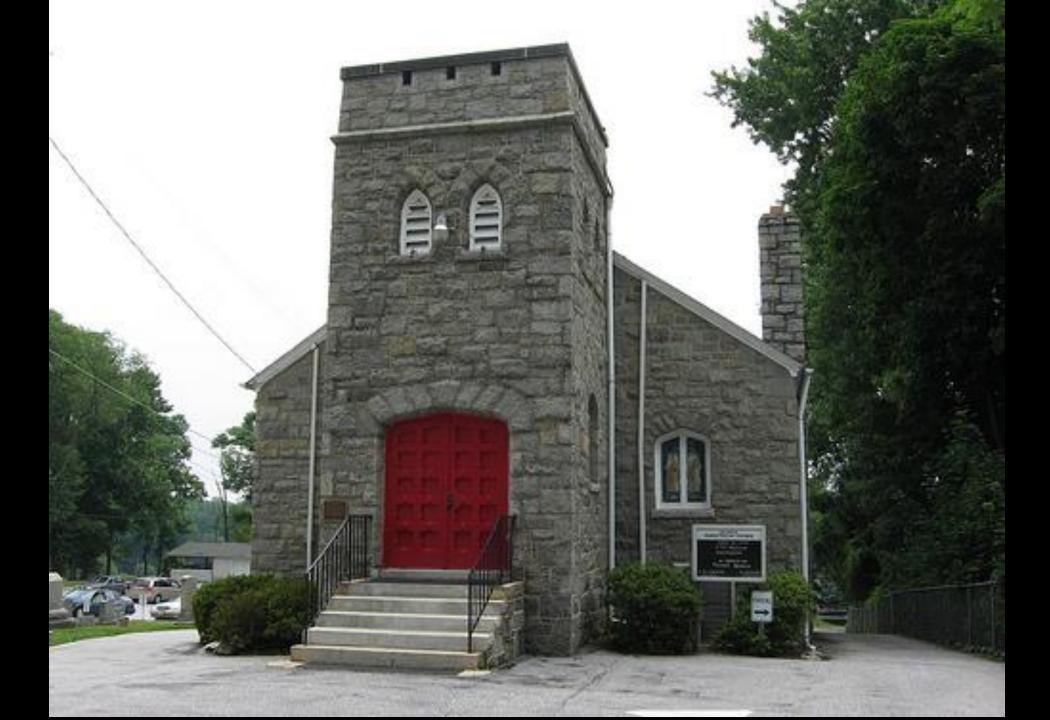


No mere human being in his senses ever made such a claim as this..... It is in this plentitude of this Divine authority that He lays upon His Apostles and His Church His last great charge, and to them His last great promise."

Plummer, Alfred, 1841-1926.

"A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

C.S. Lewis





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The rights we want:

We want to choose our husband
We want to own our land
We want to go to school
We don't want to be cut anymore
We want also to make decisions
We want respect in politics
To be leaders

We want to be equal

- Rebecca Lolosoli



