

Look for these dates & their significance:

- 312 Battle of Milvian Bridge – Chi Rho on shields
- 313 Edict of Milan (persecution of Christians stopped by Constantine & Licinius)
- 325 Council of Nicea
- 330 Constantinople eastern Roman Empire capital, by Constantine
- 367 Easter epistle of Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, listing 27 books of NT
- 380 Theodosius declares Christianity only legal religion in Roman Empire. Pagan sacrifices banned.
- 381 Council of Constantinople: updated creed.
- 431 Council of Ephesus condemns Nestorius (Bishop of Constantinople) who taught Christ was 2 persons: one human; one divine. Mary only mother of human part. Nicene Creed reaffirmed.
- 440–461 Leo I, the Great. Sometimes considered the first real pope. Asserts papal primacy.
- 451 Council of Chalcedon condemns Monophysitism (Christ had only 1 nature; no human nature). Nicene Creed reaffirmed.
- 476 Fall of Rome. Roman bishops help fill administrative vacuum.
- 637 Antioch conquered by Moslems.
- 638 Jerusalem conquered by Moslems.
- 642 Alexandria conquered by Moslems.
- 1054 Great Schism—split of the Catholic Church (Roman & Orthodox).
- 1517 Martin Luther's 95 theses.