

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

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AD 0-400 → JERUSALEM to ROME



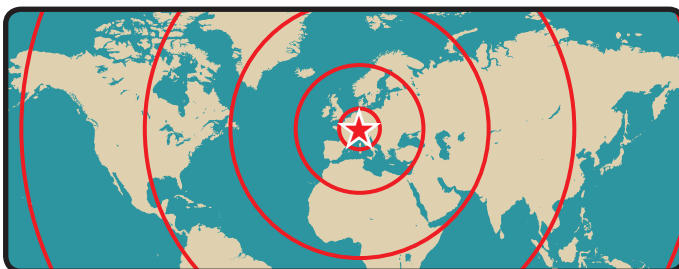
28-30	Jesus' earthly life, death & resurrection
33	Pentecost & the birth of the Christian church
34	Persecution of the church – the gospel spreads from Jerusalem to Judea & Samaria
48-57	Paul's missionary journeys to Asia-minor, Macedonia & Greece
60	Paul reaches Rome
64-311	Despite severe persecution, Christianity spreads throughout the Roman Empire
313	Edict of Milan granting tolerance of Christianity
324	Christianity becomes the state religion of the Roman Empire
364	Mission to the Vandals (East German tribe)
380	Christianity becomes the only permitted religion in the Roman Empire

AD 400-1500 → ROME to EUROPE



432	Patrick sent to Ireland
589	Christianity reaches the Visigoths in Spain
596	Augustine sent to England
622-750	Palestine, Egypt, North Africa & Spain lost to Islam
675	Christianity reaches Belgium & the Netherlands
722	Boniface sent to the Germanic tribes
740	Irish monks reach Iceland
828	Missionaries sent to (modern-day) Slovakia & Czech republic
900-1000	Denmark, Norway, Sweden & Iceland accept Christianity
1095-1272	Crusades undertaken as 'mission' to the Saracens (Muslims)
1015	Russia & much of eastern Europe converted to Christianity
1382	Bible translated into English by John Wycliff
1462	Gutenberg produces the first printed Bible

AD 1500-1800 → EUROPE to the WORLD



1493	Columbus takes priests to the New World
1501	Pope Alexander VI enlists Spain to take Christianity to the Americas
1517	Luther's 95 theses ignite the Reformation & the 're-evangelisation' of Europe
1527	First protestant missionary conference in Augsburg
1600-1800	Roman Catholic mission explodes across the world
1620	The Puritans arrive in America
1698	<i>The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge</i> (SPCK) founded
1644	John Eliot sent to North American indians
1731	The Moravians begin to send missionaries throughout the world
1792	William Carey forms <i>Baptist Mission Society</i> and takes the gospel to India

AD 1800-2000 → the WORLD to the WORLD



1800+	Protestant mission explodes across the world
1806	'Haystack' prayer meeting (for American mission)
1812	First American missionaries sent to India
1846	<i>World Evangelical Alliance</i> founded
1865	Hudson Taylor founds <i>China Inland Mission</i>
1886	<i>Student Volunteer Movement</i> launched
1890s	Penetration of African interior by European & American agencies
1910	<i>World Mission Conference</i> in Edinburgh
1946	First <i>Inter-Varsity</i> convention ("Urbana")
1950-60s	Non-western mission agencies & 'tent-maker' ministries commence & expand
1974	First <i>Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation</i>
2000	Local alliances of mission agencies & sending churches active on every continent