



# THE APPEAL OF CHRISTIANITY

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# CHRISTIANITY AND ROME

- Appeal of Christianity

For 250 years Romans tormented Christians.

During these years , the Roman Empire began to lose its power.

- During this time Christianity still spread throughout the empire.
  - The message of hope for a better life after death appealed to many
  - The help Christian communities gave to widows, orphans, and the poor also attracted followers.
- Diocletian outlawed Christian services and put many to death.
  - Many Romans admired the Christians and saw them as martyrs and heroes
  - By 200 over 50,000 Romans had accepted the Christian Faith