

INTRODUCTION- In the history of Europe ,the Middle ages [or medieval period) lasted from the 6th to the 17 Century.It began with the fall of the western Roman Empire and merged into the Renaissance and the age of discovery. The word medieval comes from ,the Latin word medium aevum which means 'middle age.' Another common way world history is divided into three distinct ages or period. Ancient history (3600BC to 500 A.D), the middle age (500-1500 A.D) and the modern age (1500-present).

TEXTBOOK KEY POINTS

1. The Roman Empire was one of the greatest in its time. In the middle of the first century BCE, the Roman conquered Palestine , the homeland of the Jews. Herod became the ruler.
2. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a small town near Judea, in about 4 BCE. Jesus was the son of Joseph and Mary.
3. Jesus preached his message in the form of parables and sermons.
4. Jesus chose 12 apostles to help him spread the message of love and brotherhood.
- 5 .Jesus rejected meaningless rituals. He asked his followers to give up their old sinful ways, devote their lives to God.
6. The Sermon on the Mount is the most famous sermon delivered by Jesus. In its , said *Love your enemies. *do not judge others. *have faith in God. *give to the needy. *do unto others as you would have others do unto you.
7. In 30 CE, Jesus was crucified in Golgotha as a political rebel.
8. Many believed that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven.
9. Jesus disciples, notably St Peter , St John and St. Paul won many converts.

-----Answer the following questions ;-----

Q1. Where was Christ born ? Why was he crucified ?

Ans - Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem , a small village of Jerusalem. His father Joseph and mother Mary were Jews. Jesus was born in about 4 BC .Jesus emphasised on God and give immense important to love , brotherhood and compassion .He fearlessly criticised all harmful activities and evils. This made the rich and powerful among the Romans his enemy .They complained to Pontius Pilate , the Roman Governor of Palestine ,accusing Jesus of

calling himself the king of Jews and thus encouraging people to rebel against Roman rulers. Jesus was arrested and crucified. The cross became a sacred symbol of the Christians.

Q2. What do you understand by the term "Medieval"? The Medieval period did not start at the same time all over the world.' Explain.

Ans- The period that lies between the ancient and the medieval periods is known as the medieval period. The word medieval comes from the Latin word, *medium aevum* which means 'middle age'. The medieval period in India stretched from the eighth to the eighteenth century. The medieval period in Europe, on the other hand, stretched from the sixth century to the sixteenth century CE (500 CE to 1500 CE).

Q3. How many disciples did Jesus have?

Ans- Jesus gathered around him a band of 12 disciples.

Q4. Where are the life and teachings of Jesus Christ recorded?

Ans- The life and the teachings of Jesus Christ were recorded in the Gospels by four of his disciples – John, Mathew, Mark and Luke.

Q5. Who prepared the grounds for transforming Christianity into a world religion?

Ans- Paul, a convert to Christianity became one of the most powerful and enthusiastic exponents of Christianity. He travelled extensively throughout the Roman empire, preparing the grounds that would transform Christianity into the world religion in the future.

Q6. Who became the spiritual head of the Christians?

Ans- The Bishop of St. Peter's church, the pope became the spiritual head of Christians all over the world, and was acknowledged as the representative of Christ on earth.

Q7. What advice did Jesus give to his followers?

Ans- Jesus advised his followers to mould themselves in the image of God. He told to love our neighbours, including the poor, the sinners and even our enemies, To help the needy and do good even to those who harm us. To forgive our enemies and win them over with our love.

Q8. Why were the Jewish religious leaders angry with Jesus?

Ans- Due to Jesus intelligence, wisdom, compassion and simplicity large crowds were attracted towards him. This greatly enraged the Jewish religious leaders who felt threatened by his growing popularity.

-----Homework-----

A. Write the questions related to chapter and answer them in your in your notebook.

1. Discuss the background against which Jesus Christ emerged as the preacher of the masses.
2. What do the Gospels tell us about Jesus Christ ?
3. What did Jesus Christ preach

B. True and false C. Match the columns D. Give reasons for the following. (page no- 7)