

## **Analysis of Primary Source 2 (Roman Empire/Christianity)**

1. The primary source I utilized for the evaluation is from the one listed in the course i.e. *“The making of the West: Peoples and cultures”* and I would say that the book is a masterpiece. The book consists of professionals and specialists in their fields as it covers many distinct topics from distinct cultures, eras, and addresses several religious issues. Lynn Hunt, Thomas R. Martin, Barbara H. Rosenwein, Bonnie G. Smith composed this book. All writers in their fields are specialized. Lynn Hunt was a University of California's Professor of European History and a Stanford graduate. Thomas R. Martin was a historian from the United States who was a professional in Greco-Roman world history. Barbara H. Rosenwein is a Professor at Chicago University's Department of History. She wrote several books in 2005 and 2006, including the Early Middle Ages Emotional Communities. Bonnie G. Smith is Rutgers University's present Board of Governors and Notable Professor of History. She attended Smith College, received a bachelor's degree from the very institute in 1962 and then graduated from Rochester University in 1976 with a Ph.D. degree. All the writers have done their utmost to compose the book and are differentiated in distinct areas for their work. The primary source I took from this book is 'Christianity' included in Chapter 6 and the name of the topic is *“The Emergence of Christianity in the Early Roman Empire”*.
2. The source was created by quality writers and was initially published in *October 2002* and it was an ideal time as the world was transforming and individuals got to learn about cultures, ancient Western individuals and their lifestyles.
3. This source was produced and composed by the writers as it became compulsory for individuals to learn about the West and the antiquated history of various societies and beliefs as individuals become more conscious of their societies, culture, and traditions.

4. The source mentions several interesting and surprising facts. Christianity is a religion based on the life and doctrines of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is often called the Messiah or Christ as well. Most Christians think that Jesus is God's Son and that the Old Testament of the Bible predicted his coming. The Bible's New Testament documents the teachings of Jesus and his life. Christians believe that in the Second Coming of Christ, Jesus will one day return to earth to judge people for their sins and to give eternal life to those who believe in and follow his teachings. The term gospel is used in Christianity to refer to the written accounts of the life of Jesus. The Ten Commandments are Christianity's biblical principles. Today's Roman Catholic Church is the world's biggest Christian denomination. Christianity teaches there are seven deadly sins including pride, covetousness, lust, envy, gloom, rage, and sloth. While Christianity is the world's largest religion and is practiced in many nations around the world, it is practiced primarily in North America, South America, and Europe. The fact that Christianity is such a religion and had such ancient history is quite intriguing. With more than 2.2 billion adherents, it is the biggest religion in the globe today.
5. As we address history, learning the history of distinct religions and cultures becomes essential because when studying distinct histories, one receives a stronger understanding as it expands the authority to analyze and widen the process of thinking. Christianity is split into many denominations or sects, the most important of which are Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant. Most of those who follow Christianity think that Jesus was crucified on the cross, buried, resurrected; giving eternal life to those who think in him and died for their sins' forgiveness. This source, therefore, fits in with the historical context.

### **Work Cited**

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