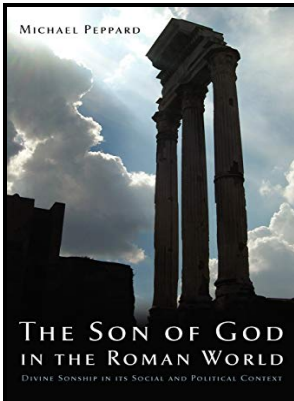


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## Monotheism and Christology in Greco

De Blois, Lukas, The Policy of the Emperor Gallienus, Leiden Brill, 1976. For example, families would offering prayers of thanks to Penates, the god of the storeroom, for providing daily meals.

## Did Christianity Destroy Rome?

Roman world was already experiencing profound changes by the beginning of the IV century, the old Graeco-Roman pantheon was largely gone and new eastern cults were gaining popularity, Mithraism, cult of Sol-Invictus, were the most famous ones. Trade was primarily responsible for the development of an elaborate network of well built roads and a system of shipping which made full use of the potentialities of the Mediterranean Sea. The influence of Alexander and the Ptolemies on the Caesars would be a key thing here—do you suppose that Julius Caesar and Mark Antony were unaware that Cleopatra as pharaoh was a god? I can only imagine what they must have thought about the Jewish hope for a coming Messiah, one who would restore the Jewish commonwealth.

## One God. Pagan Monotheism in the Roman Empire

A more forthrightly biblical account is provided by Lesslie Newbigin in his thoroughly Trinitarian books The Open Secret 1978 and The Gospel in a Pluralist Society 1989.

## Early AD Graeco

After Christianity was adopted it was impossible to integrate foreign tribes as it was previously possible, with their Gods and traditions being added to Roman. It was a break with the myths of the pagan past and an opportunity to refashion the conceptual reality of the universe.

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