

Timeline of Church History¹

Early Christianity

(~AD 30 – 325)

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The Council of Nicaea (~AD 325)

- ~AD 311 — Arius excommunicated by Bishop Alexander of Alexandria
- ~AD 312 — Constantine's vision and the Battle of Milvian Bridge
- ~AD 313 — Conversion of Emperor Constantine and the Edict of Milan
- ~AD 314 — Eusebius, the Father of Church History, becomes Bishop of Caesarea
- ~AD 321 — Sunday decreed as an empire-wide day of rest
- ~AD 325 — **First Council of Nicaea**²
- ~AD 325 — Arius banished to Illyricum
- ~AD 325 — Eusebius composes his *Church History*
- ~AD 328 — Athanasius succeeds Alexander as Bishop of Alexandria
- ~AD 331 — Constantine commissioned the preparation of 50 Bibles
- ~AD 335 — Athanasius deposed and exiled by Constantine to Trier³ for refusing to reaccept Arius
- ~AD 336 — Arius mysteriously dies from intestinal hemorrhaging on the day of his return to Alexandria
- ~AD 337 — Baptism of Constantine by Eusebius of Nicomedia, an Arian
- ~AD 337 — Death of Constantine
- ~AD 337 — Athanasius returned to Alexandria
- ~AD 338 — Athanasius banished from Alexandria a second time by Constantius
- ~AD 346 — Athanasius returned to Alexandria after the death of Bishop Gregory
- ~AD 350 — Athanasius banished from Alexandria for a third time
- ~AD 361 — Athanasius returned to Alexandria after the murder of Bishop George by the Alexandrians
- ~AD 362 — Athanasius banished from Alexandria for the fourth time by Emperor Julian
- ~AD 363 — Athanasius returned to Alexandria after the death of Julian
- ~AD 367 — A letter of Athanasius' contains the first known listing of all 27 New Testament books
- ~AD 373 — Death of Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria
- ~AD 380 — Theodosius made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire
- ~AD 381 — **First Council of Constantinople**
- ~AD 382 — The Council of Rome sets the Biblical canon
- ~AD 385 — Priscillian, Bishop of Ávila, is the first person executed for heresy

¹ Almost all of these dates are approximations and/or best guesses, and for many of them, there is much debate among historians.

² near Constantinople

³ in modern Germany