KINGDOM BIBLE QUIZ

Apostolic & Sub-Apostolic Era Quiz

20 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. According to Acts 2:42, what four things did the early church devote themselves to?

Ⓐ Singing, dancing, fasting, and meditation
Ⓑ The apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer
Ⓒ Evangelism, baptism, communion, and worship
Ⓓ Reading Scripture, giving alms, healing, and preaching

2. Which apostle replaced Judas Iscariot?

Ⓐ Matthias
Ⓑ Barnabas
Ⓒ Timothy
Ⓓ Silas

3. Where were followers of Jesus first called Christians?

Ⓐ Antioch
Ⓑ Athens
Ⓒ Jerusalem
Ⓓ Rome

4. What significant event is described in Acts 2?

Ⓐ Ascension of Jesus
Ⓑ Pentecost
Ⓒ Council of Jerusalem
Ⓓ Conversion of Saul

5. Who is traditionally considered the first Christian martyr?

Ⓐ Paul
Ⓑ Peter
Ⓒ James the brother of John
Ⓓ Stephen

6. Who was the first Gentile convert to Christianity?

Ⓐ Barnabas
Ⓑ Lydia
Ⓒ Timothy
Ⓓ Cornelius

7. Which New Testament book describes the early church spreading after Pentecost?

Ⓐ Esther
Ⓑ Revelation
Ⓒ Acts
Ⓓ Leviticus

8. **What major issue was decided at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15)?**
   - Ⓐ Whether Gentile Christians needed to be circumcised and follow the Law of Moses
   - Ⓑ Which books should be included in the New Testament
   - Ⓒ The nature of Christ's divinity
   - Ⓓ The date of Easter celebration

9. **Where were the seven churches addressed in Revelation located?**
   - Ⓐ Rome and Italy
   - Ⓑ Greece and Macedonia
   - Ⓒ Asia Minor (modern Turkey)
   - Ⓓ Jerusalem and Judea

10. **What is the Didache best known as?**
   - Ⓐ An early Christian teaching document
   - Ⓑ A Babylonian decree
   - Ⓒ A Roman tax register
   - Ⓓ A list of Israelite kings

11. **What role did deacons play in the early church?**
   - Ⓐ They guarded the church buildings
   - Ⓑ They collected taxes for the Roman government
   - Ⓒ They served the practical needs of the church, especially caring for the poor
   - Ⓓ They were responsible for preaching and teaching

12. **What was the main issue addressed at the Council of Jerusalem?**
   - Ⓐ Circumcision for Gentiles
   - Ⓑ Gnosticism
   - Ⓒ The nature of Christ
   - Ⓓ The Trinity

13. **What was the primary language of the New Testament?**
   - Ⓐ Greek
   - Ⓑ Aramaic
   - Ⓒ Hebrew
   - Ⓓ Latin

14. **Which early Christian writer is considered the first to use the term 'Trinity'?**
   - Ⓐ Clement of Alexandria
   - Ⓑ Tertullian
   - Ⓒ Irenaeus
   - Ⓓ Origen

15. What was the primary method of spreading Christianity in the first century?

Ⓐ Military conquest
Ⓑ Written literature distributed widely
Ⓒ Government mandate
Ⓓ Personal witness and traveling missionaries

16. Who was the Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to crucifixion?

Ⓐ Herod Antipas
Ⓑ Tiberius
Ⓒ Augustus
Ⓓ Pontius Pilate

17. Which apostolic father is known for the epistle to the Philippians?

Ⓐ Clement of Rome
Ⓑ Barnabas
Ⓒ Ignatius of Antioch
Ⓓ Polycarp

18. What was the main issue discussed at the Council of Jerusalem?

Ⓐ The Trinity
Ⓑ The date of Easter
Ⓒ Circumcision and Jewish Law
Ⓓ The nature of Christ

19. Who was the bishop of Antioch who was martyred in Rome around 107 AD?

Ⓐ Ignatius of Antioch
Ⓑ Irenaeus of Lyons
Ⓒ Clement of Rome
Ⓓ Polycarp of Smyrna

20. What was unique about Marcion's canon?

Ⓐ It was the first to include all 27 New Testament books
Ⓑ It included many Gnostic gospels
Ⓒ It rejected the Old Testament and included only Luke and Paul's letters
Ⓓ It was written entirely in Aramaic

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Answer key: Apostolic & Sub-Apostolic Era Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **B. The apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer**

Acts 2:42 describes the core practices of the earliest Christian community in Jerusalem

2. **A. Matthias**

Matthias was chosen by lot to replace Judas among the twelve apostles (Acts 1:26)

Acts 1:26

3. **A. Antioch**

Followers of Jesus were first called Christians in Antioch, as mentioned in Acts 11:26.

4. **B. Pentecost**

Acts 2 describes the event of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles.

5. **D. Stephen**

Stephen was stoned to death for his faith, as recorded in Acts 7

Acts 7

6. **D. Cornelius**

Cornelius, a Roman centurion, is considered the first Gentile convert to Christianity as described in Acts 10.

7. **C. Acts**

Acts describes Pentecost, the apostles' witness, and the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem outward.

Acts 2

8. **A. Whether Gentile Christians needed to be circumcised and follow the Law of Moses**

This was the first major church council, addressing whether Gentile converts needed to follow Jewish law

Acts 15

9. **C. Asia Minor (modern Turkey)**

These letters were addressed to actual churches in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey)

Revelation 2-3

10. **A. An early Christian teaching document**

The Didache is an early Christian teaching document associated with church instruction, ethics, baptism, fasting, prayer, and the Eucharist.

Didache

11. **C. They served the practical needs of the church, especially caring for the poor**

Deacons were appointed to serve the practical needs of the church, especially caring for widows and the poor (Acts 6)

Acts 6

12. **A. Circumcision for Gentiles**

The Council of Jerusalem addressed whether Gentile converts needed to follow Jewish law, specifically circumcision.

13. **A. Greek**

The New Testament was primarily written in Koine Greek, which was the common language of the Eastern Mediterranean during the Roman Empire.

14. **B. Tertullian**

Tertullian is credited with being the first to use the term 'Trinity' in Christian theology.

15. **D. Personal witness and traveling missionaries**

Christianity spread primarily through personal witness and the preaching of traveling missionaries

16. **D. Pontius Pilate**

Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor who presided over the trial of Jesus and sentenced him to crucifixion.

17. **D. Polycarp**

Polycarp, an early Christian bishop, is known for his epistle to the Philippians.

18. **C. Circumcision and Jewish Law**

The Council of Jerusalem focused on whether Gentile Christians needed to follow Jewish law.

19. **A. Ignatius of Antioch**

Ignatius of Antioch was an early Church leader known for his letters to various Christian communities.

20. **C. It rejected the Old Testament and included only Luke and Paul's letters**

Marcion (c. 144 AD) rejected the Old Testament and accepted only edited versions of Luke and Paul's letters

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