

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Christianity's Early Years

Lesson 37

5/31/20

Take some time to think through the things we talked about in our last lesson and review your notes. Then briefly answer the review questions below.

1. What is the significance of the events at Pentecost for the spread of Christianity?
2. What was the impact of early Christianity on the culture of the Roman world?
3. What is the Bauer-Ehrman thesis? Why does it resonate with a postmodern view of truth?
4. What are some reasons the Bauer-Ehrman thesis is fatally flawed?
5. What is wrong with the view that early Christianity appealed only to the poor and rural population of the empire?
6. What are some of the evidences that Emperor Constantine's conversion to Christianity was authentic?
7. Why do some Christians view Constantine's "legalization" of Christianity with criticism?
8. What did the Council of Nicaea meet to resolve?
9. What would you say to someone who proposed that the Council of Nicaea had "invented" the orthodox version of Christianity?
10. What was the most helpful thing you learned in this lesson, or was perhaps particularly new or interesting to you?