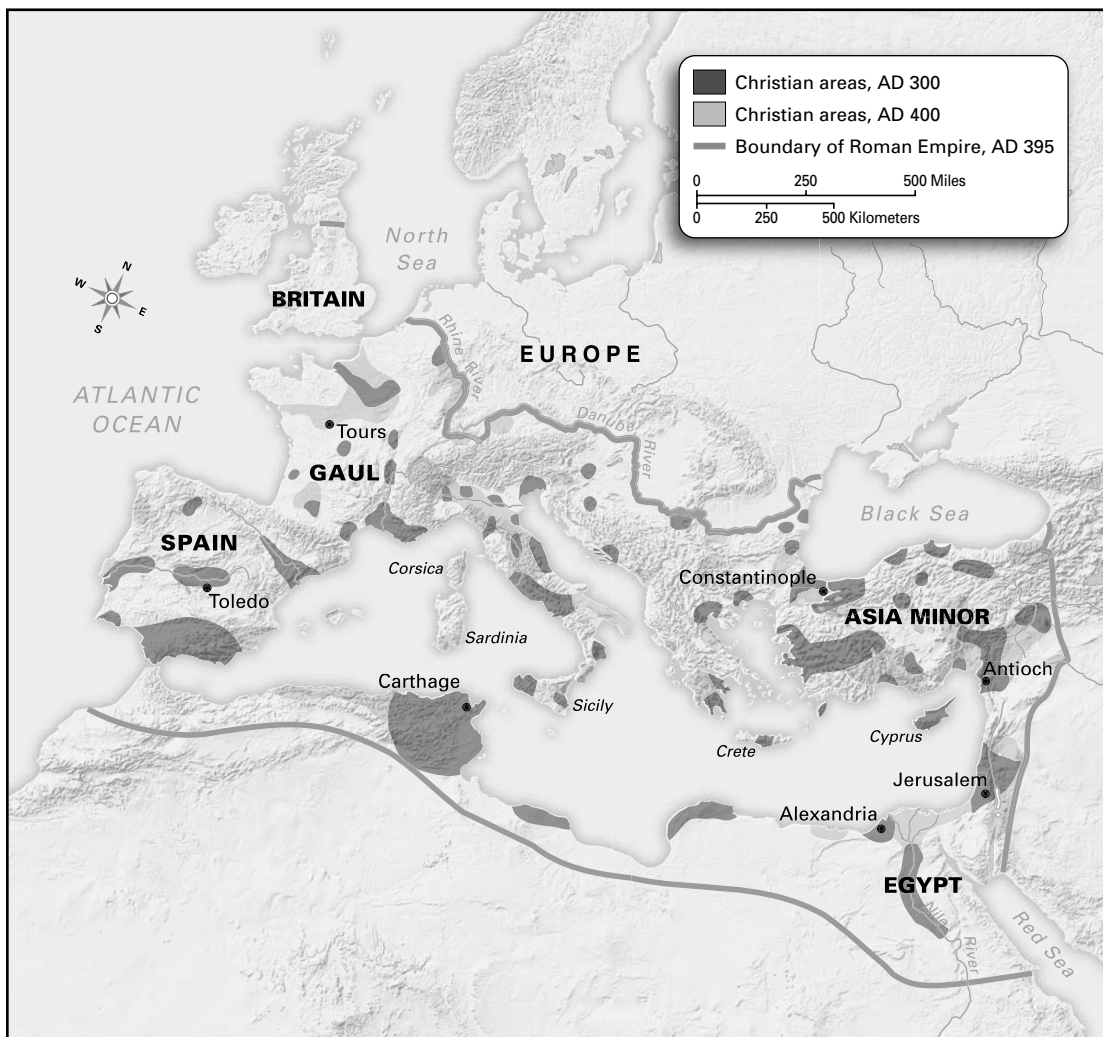


The Spread of Christianity

Christianity spread quickly. This was due in part to Paul of Tarsus, who traveled throughout the Roman world spreading Christian teachings. He traveled on the road networks that connected areas of the Roman Empire. One hundred years after Jesus's death, thousands of Christians lived in the Roman Empire. Over time, Christianity became so popular that the emperor made it Rome's official religion.



See p. 338 of the textbook for this map in color.

MAP ACTIVITY

1. On the map, label the city of Rome.
2. Use a light color to highlight the boundary of the Roman Empire.

3. On the map, label Africa.
4. On the map, label the Mediterranean Sea.
5. Update the map legend to reflect the colors you added to the map.

ANALYZING MAPS

1. **Place** Which major areas showed Christian influence between AD 300 and 400?

2. **Location** What river in Egypt had Christian areas by 400?

3. **Place** During what period did Christianity spread to Spain?

4. **Region** Why might an emperor of Rome make Christianity Rome's official religion?

5. **Movement** Why might the construction of the roads have been so important to the spread Christianity throughout the Roman Empire?
