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## THE CHURCH IS BORN

50 B.C.

Jesus Christ is born.  
c. 5 B.C.

1 A.D.

Jesus is crucified and  
rises again. c. 30

Jesus ministers for about 3½ years.  
c. A.D. 27-30  
God sends His Spirit; the church  
is born. c. 30

50 A.D.

Nero destroys Rome during  
his reign. 64

Paul, Peter, and other apostles are  
martyred during Nero's persecution.  
c. 64-68

100

Peter is martyred at Rome.  
c. 110

The apostle John dies a natural death  
after suffering for his faith. c. 100

150

Polycarp is martyred at Smyrna.  
c. 155

200

250

300

Emperor Diocletian severely persecutes  
the church. 303-312

350

The Council of Carthage issues an official list  
of the 27 New Testament books. 397

400 A.D.

In the Fullness of Time

Power From Within

How the Apostles Died

How the New Testament Came to Be

Church Leaders After the Apostles

Persecution of the Early Church

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*  
Acts 1:8