Chapter 36 Summary (Start / Spread of Christianity)

36.2 – Judea is the birthplace of Christianity. The Romans were trying to rule the Jews, but the Jews did not want to be ruled by Rome.

36.3 – Jesus Christ’s life was recorded by four of his followers. The recordings are called the Gospels. The Gospels were used to spread the news of Jesus and his teachings.

36.4 – The Gospels detail the accounts of Jesus’ miraculous birth.

36.5 – Jesus taught that love and mercy was most important. However, some thought that his teachings were dangerous.

36.6 – Jesus came to Jerusalem for Passover and was crucified for his preaching. Christians believe he was resurrected from the dead.

36.7 – Saul, one of the many enemies of Jesus, heard a voice from heaven, whom he believed was the resurrected Jesus Christ. Saul became a follower of Jesus, changed his name to Paul, and spread Christianity all over the Roman Empire. He, like many Christian leaders, was martyred at the hands of Rome.

36.8 – Rome turned Christian martyring into entertainment. By 300 CE, approximately 5 million Christians were killed.