

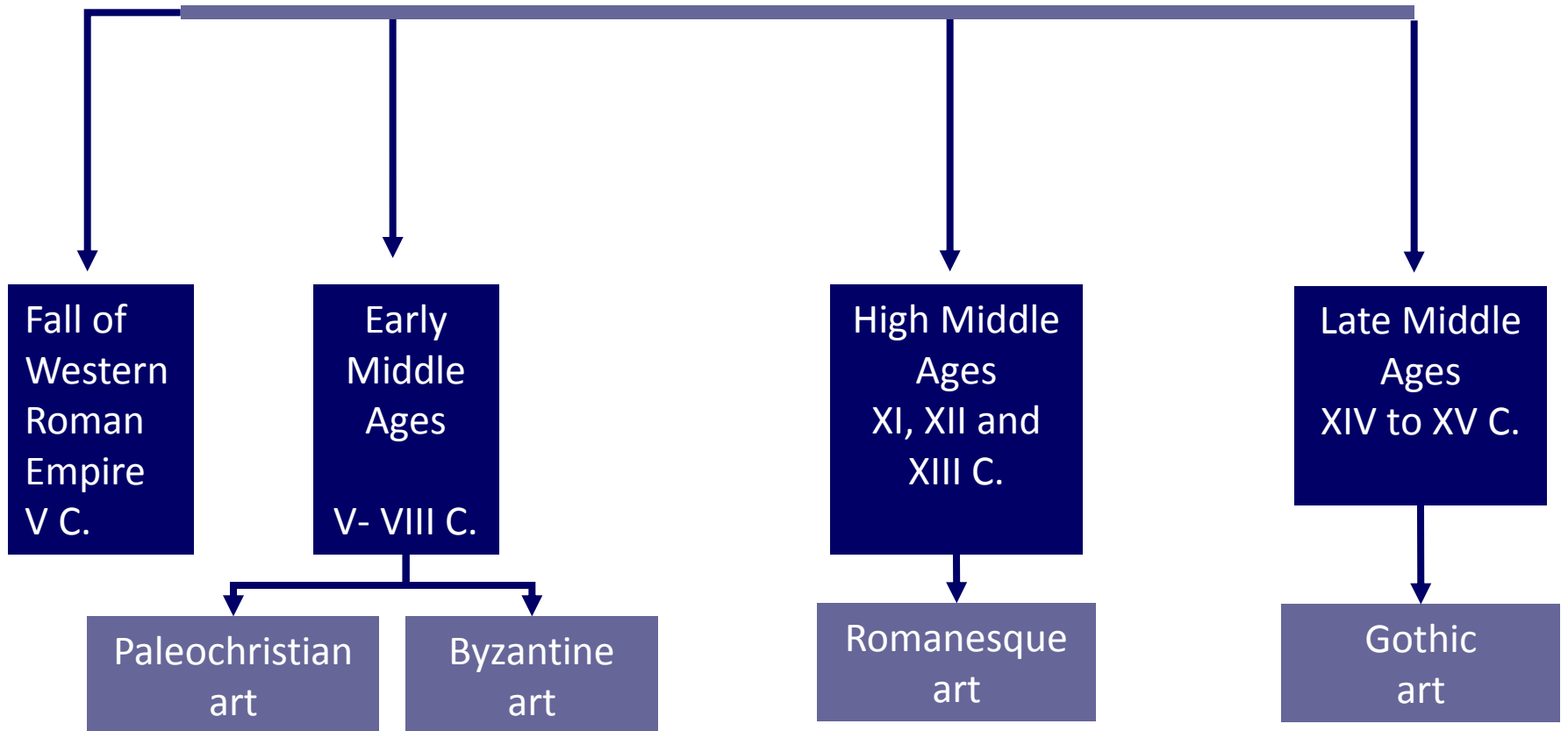


Middle Ages





Timeline





Paleochristian



Catacomb



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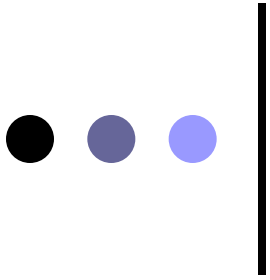


Fish and Bread



Constantine





Edict of Milan

313 A.D.



We have long considered that freedom of worship should not be denied, but that every man's thought should be granted the right to take care for spiritual things according as each man may personally choose; and therefore we have already issued orders that both Christians should hold and maintain the faith of their own confession and worship.



Saint Mary Basilica
Santa Maria
Maggiore
(Rome, 432)



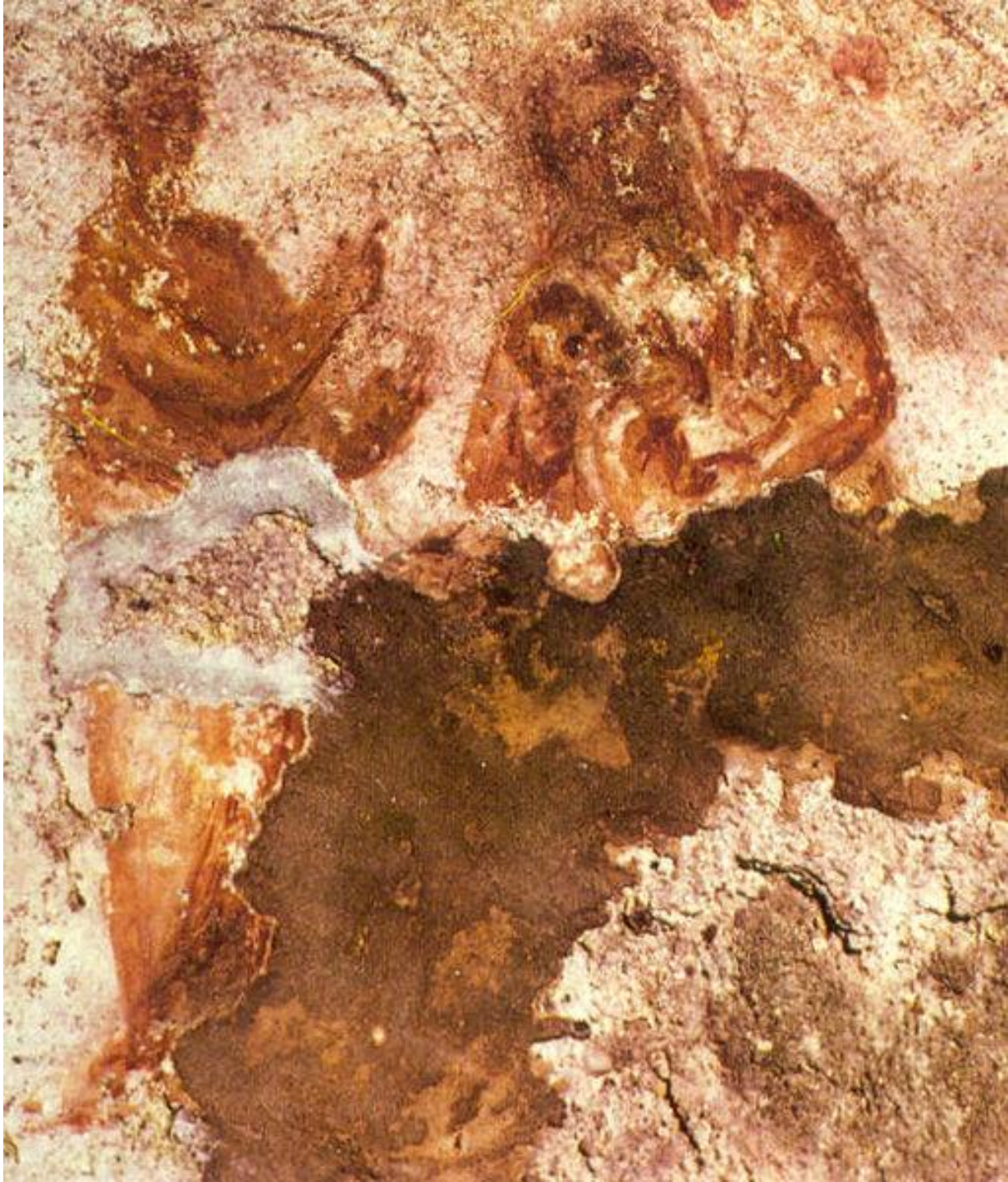


- First preserved Christian images emerge from about 70 AD



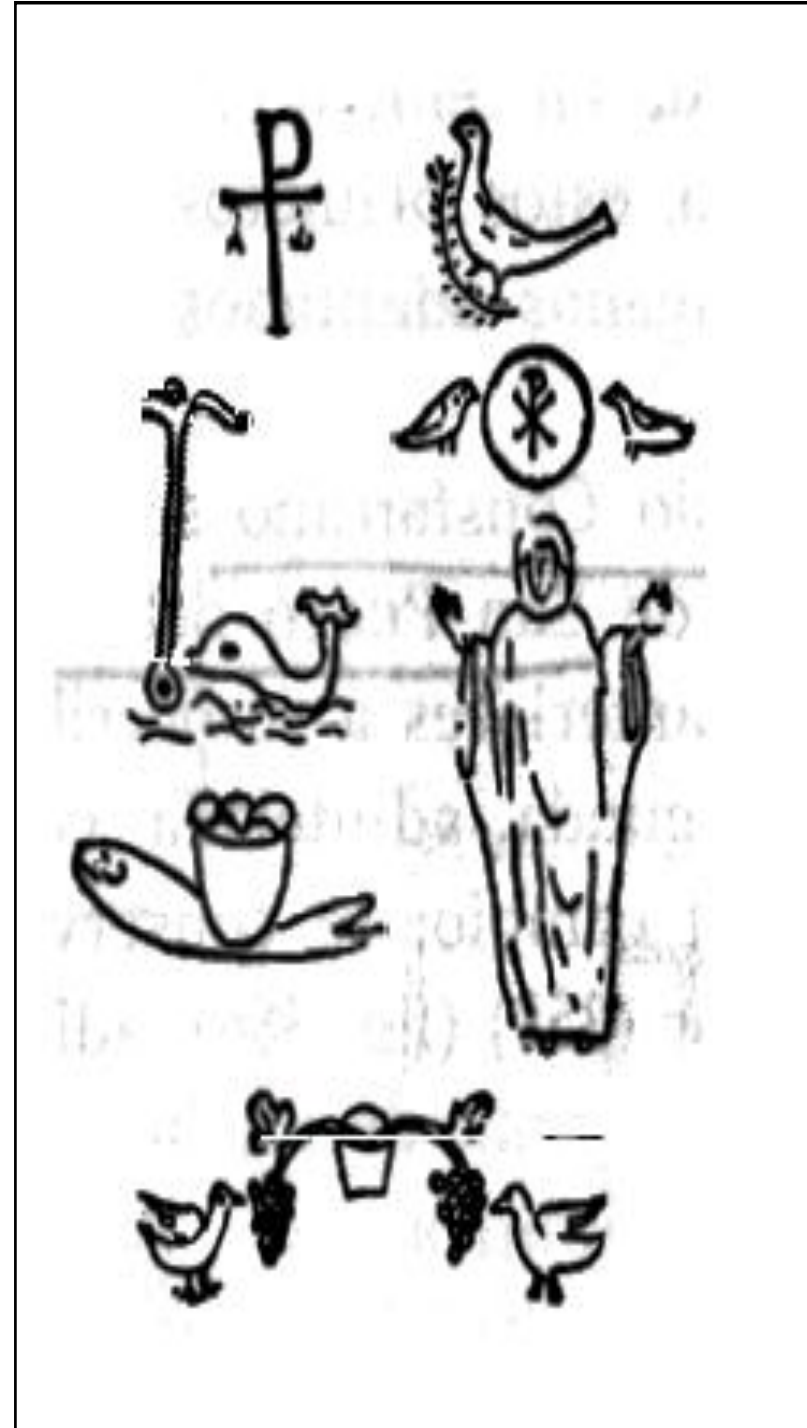
Prayer



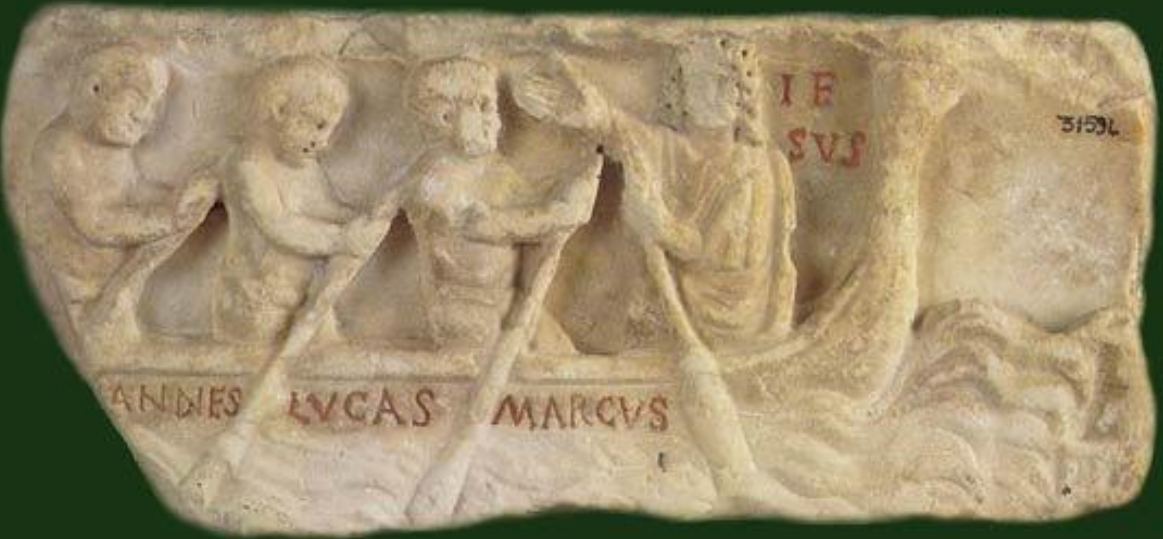


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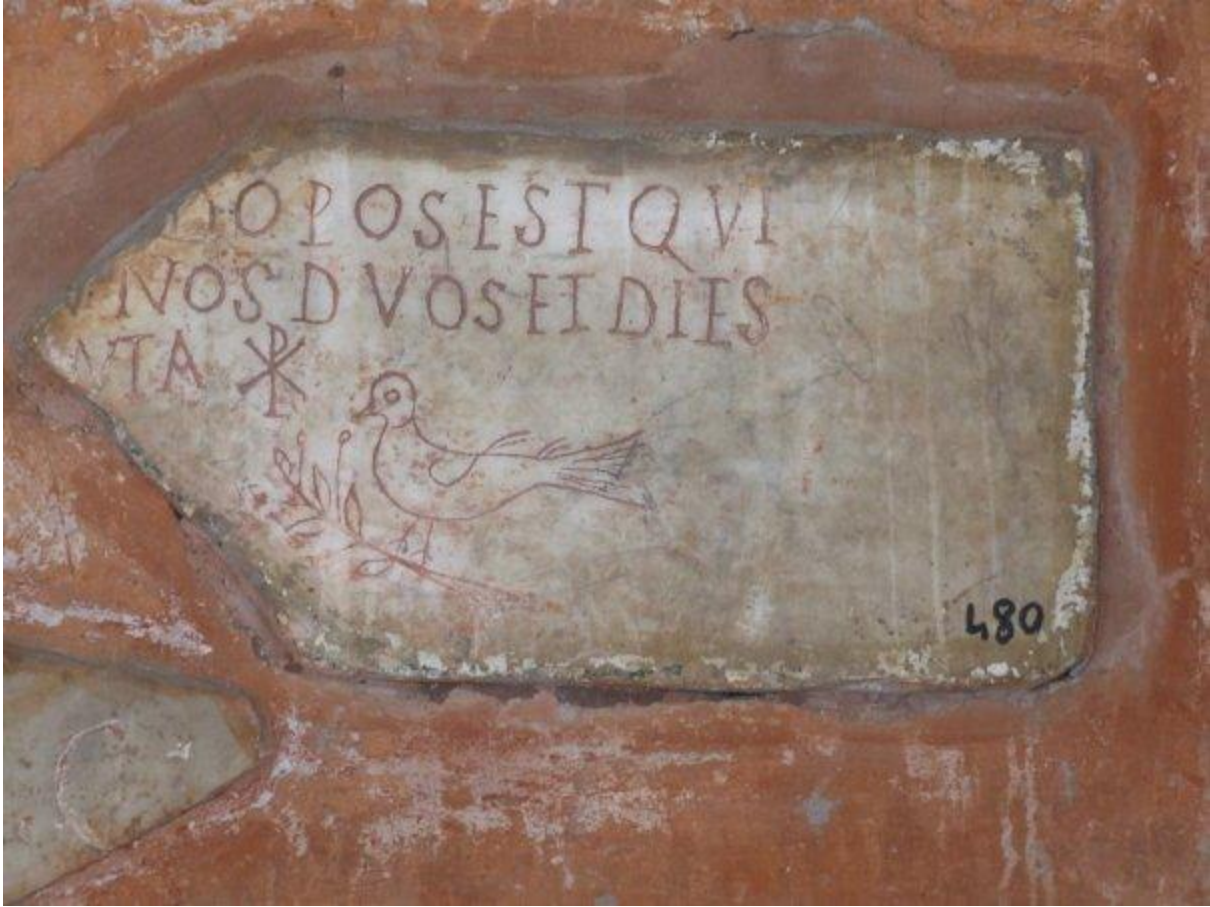
- **Symbols:**
 - Dove (Baptism and purity)
 - Fish (Christ)
 - Lamb (Easter lamb)
 - Turkey (Immortality)
 - Alpha and Omega (Beginning and end)
 - Christ anagram
- **Themes:**
 - **Good Shepherd**
 - **Adam and Eve**
 - **Mother and Child**
 - **Prayer**
 - **Jesus**
- **Ancient Testament themes:**
 - Abraham's sacrifice
 - Jonas and whale
 - Lazarus resurrection



Relief Sculpture



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