

Christianity in Italy

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1. This class is designed to provide background for the trip to Italy taking place this November. 22 people have signed up for the trip. However, the class is open to anyone interested in the subject matter.
2. Sessions will be 75 to 90 minutes.
3. Each week after class, I will edit the video and upload it to Vimeo. The link to all of the class videos is vimeo.com/showcase/11337077
4. The Keynote/PowerPoint presentation and other resources will be on my website: davidvasquezministries.com under Class Resources

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5. I do not speak Italian so please forgive any of my mis-pronunciations.
6. In researching the course, I used generative AI. I have tried to check all of the material elsewhere to make sure it is accurate, but if you note an inaccuracy, please let me know and I will correct it.
7. Rather than using Keynote as a presentation outline, I have included most of my comments. This means that you need not try to take copious notes, since you will be able to download the entire presentation after the meeting.

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Zoom Issues

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1. The class is being conducted on Zoom.
2. The link changes weekly and will be emailed on Tuesday for the Wednesday class.
3. Only people who have registered will receive the email.
4. The classes will be video-taped, so remember that when you attend you are being recorded. Give attention to your location, background, behavior, etc.
5. When you speak you show up on the screen, so make sure you are muted and try not to talk during the presentation. I will pause for questions periodically. If a question can't wait, unmute and ask.

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Course Overview

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1. Italy's Topography | Tour Site Overview
2. Origin and Expansion of the Roman Empire
3. Paul: The Man and his Mission
4. Paul in Rome | Rome at the Time of Paul
5. The Papacy and the Vatican
6. Renaissance Art: Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci
7. Mount Vesuvius and the Archaeology of Pompeii

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Session 1. Italy's Topography and Tour Site Overview

1. Have the topographical map handy for the evening
The link for download was in the Zoom email
2. Presentation: Italy's topography
3. Google Earth
Review of topography and intro to tour site locations
Mark your map during the Google Earth segment
4. Presentation: Overview of tour locations, their historical significance, key sites at each location

Italy

Physical Setting



Boundaries

- Italy is bounded on the north by the Alps, which separate it from France, Switzerland and Austria.
- Italy is bounded on the east by the Adriatic Sea, which separates it from Slovenia and Croatia.
- It is bounded on the west by the Tyrrhenian Sea, which separate it from Corsica and Sardinia
- It is bounded on the south by the Ionian Sea

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Mountain Ranges

- Forming Italy's northern border, the **Alps** are a massive mountain range that separates Italy from France, Switzerland, Austria, and Slovenia.
- They include some of the highest peaks in Europe, such as Mont Blanc (Monte Bianco), and are known for their dramatic landscapes, glaciers, and alpine meadows.

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Mountain Ranges

- A part of the Alps, located in northeastern Italy, the **Dolomites** are known for their unique, jagged limestone peaks and are a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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Mountain Ranges

- Running down the spine of Italy from the north to the south, the **Apennines** are a rugged mountain range that divides the country into eastern and western regions.
- The average height is about 4000 feet. The highest peak is Gran Sasso at 9,554 feet. Mount Vesuvius in the south at 4203 feet is also part of this range.

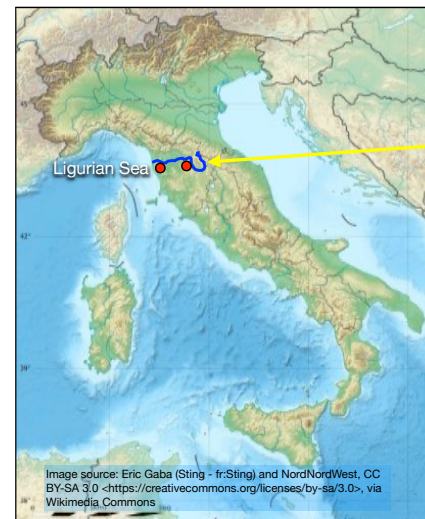
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River Valleys

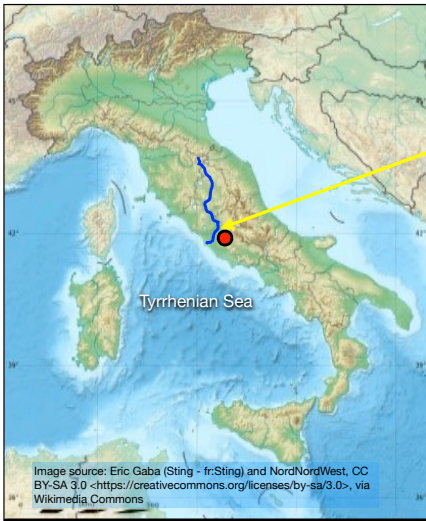
- The **Po Valley**: This broad and fertile valley in northern Italy is one of the country's most important agricultural regions.
- It lies between the Alps to the north and the Apennines to the south and is drained by the **Po River**, Italy's longest river.
- The Po Valley is densely populated and industrialized, with cities like **Milan**, **Turin**, and **Bologna**.

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River Valleys

- Running through Tuscany, the **Arno River** flows from the Apennines Mountains to the Ligurian Sea.
- The River flows through cities like **Florence** and **Pisa** in the Tuscany region.

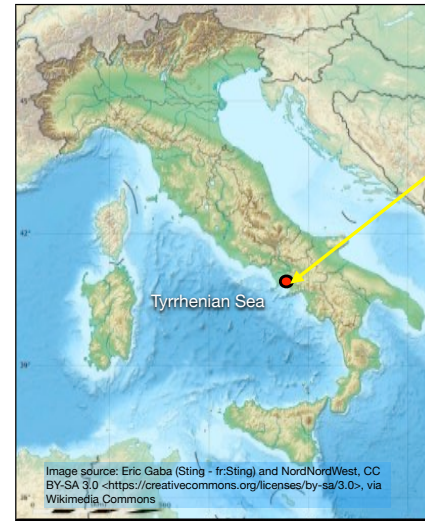


River Valleys

- Located in central Italy, the **Tiber Valley** follows the course of the Tiber River, which flows from the Apennines and empties into the Tyrrhenian Sea near Ostia.
- Flowing through central Italy, the Tiber is significant as the river on which the city of **Rome** was founded.

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Bay of Naples

- A semicircular inlet of the Tyrrhenian Sea in southern Italy, the bay is 10 miles wide and 20 miles long.
- It is noted for its scenic beauty and the volcanic hills surrounding it (including the still-active Mount Vesuvius). **Naples** is a major port.
- Along the eastern shore are ancient ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Along the south is the Sorrento Peninsula and the Isle of Capri.

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<https://www.britannica.com/place/Bay-of-Naples>

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Sicily

- South of the Italian Peninsula is the island of Sicily. One of the 20 regions of Italy, it is the most populous island in the Mediterranean Sea.

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Google Earth

Italy's topography
Tour sites in their physical setting