

# Black History and Christianity The Impact of Africa

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# Cyrene





Mediterranean Sea



Lebanon

Syria

Israel

Jerusalem

Amman

Port Said

Suez Canal

Jordan

Sinai

Saudi Arabia

Dahab

Gulf of Aqaba

Red Sea

Valley of the Kings

Qena

Luxor

Marsa Alam

Aswan

Aswan Dam

Lake Nasser

Sohag

Asyut

Minya

Beni Suef

Giza

Cairo

Alexandria

Marsa Matruh

Siwa

WESTERN DESERT

TROPIC OF CANCER

150 mi

150 km

Dakhla Oasis

Mut



Libya

Sudan

EGYPT



DESERT/LOW/HILLS/MTNS

1. What is the name of the Islamic Bible?

- a. Torah
- b. Pentateuch
- c. Quran

2. What is the name of the Rastafarians Bible?

- a. Quran
- b. Torah
- c. Piby

### 3. True or false

The first exposure to Christianity for Africans was from European missionaries.

4. How many countries are there in Africa?

- a. 10 – 15
- b. 16- 30
- c. 31 – 50
- d. 50 or more

5. The African man who helped Jesus carry the cross was from:

- a. Nazareth
- b. Cyrene
- c. Ethiopia

6. One of the first Christian converts in the Bible was:

- a. A eunuch from Ethiopia
- b. A leper from Tarsus
- c. A prostitute from Jericho

7. One of the persons that helped to start the Church in Ethiopia was:

- a. A prostitute
- b. A leper
- c. A eunuch

8. The Apostle Mark was from the country of:

- a. Ethiopia
- b. Sudan
- C. Libya

9. Mark founded the Christian Church in what city?
- a. Alexandria
  - b. Macedonia
  - c. Cyrene

## 10. True or False

Paul conducted most of his ministry in the continent of Africa while John Mark was building churches in the Arabian area.

11. Who was Mark's relative that traveled with him and Paul?

- a. Peter
- b. Barnabas
- c. Silas

12. The word "Coptic" means

- a. Egyptian
- b. African
- c. Nigerian

13. Who is believed to have founded the Coptic Christian Church

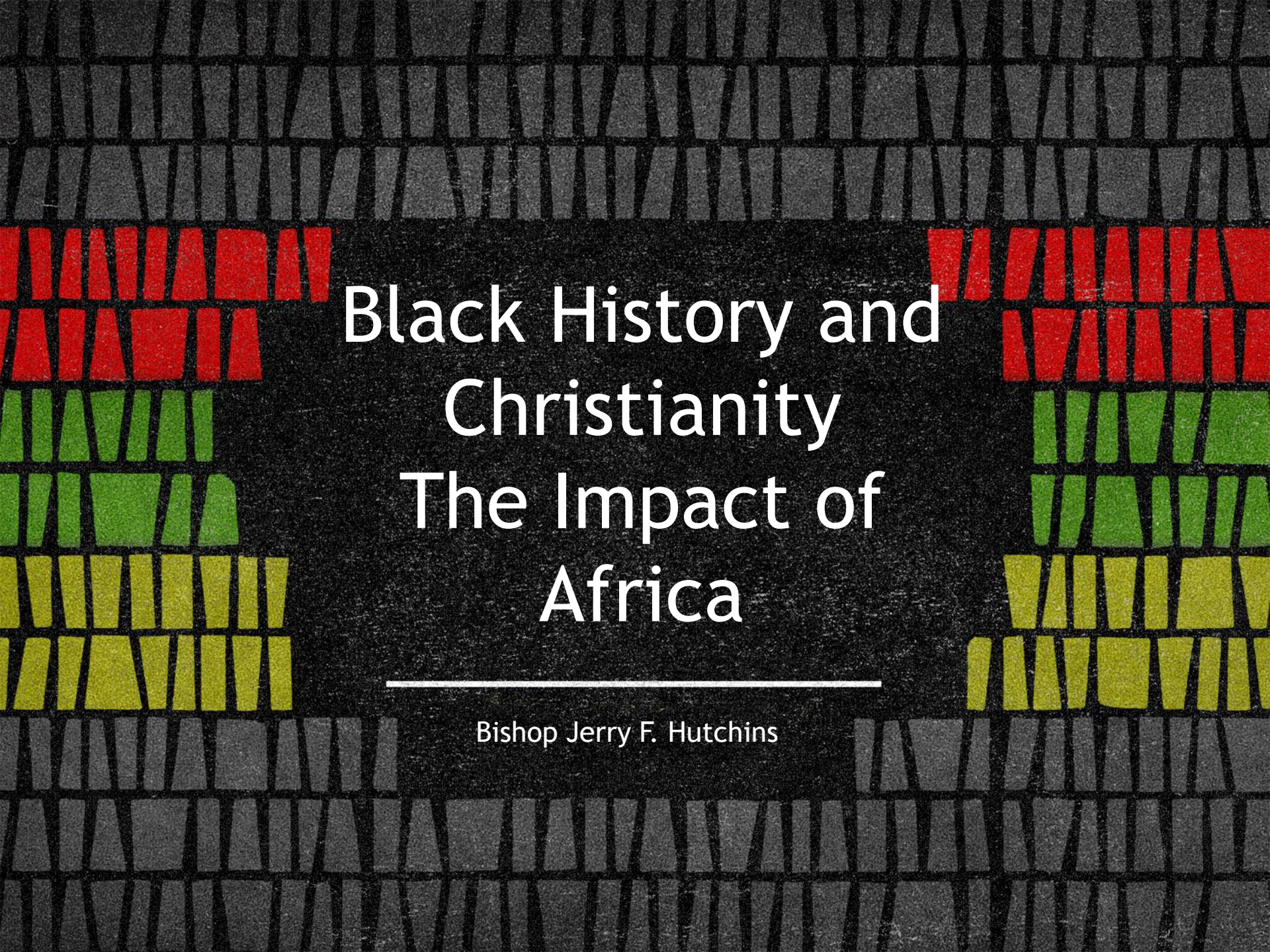
- a. Paul
- b. Barnabas
- c. John Mark

14. How did John Mark die?

- a. He was decapitated while being dragged through the streets of Alexandria
- b. He was fed to lions by the Roman government.
- c. He died of natural causes.

## 15. True or False

John Mark's efforts to establish and advance the Coptic Church were a complete failure and therefore never made it into the pages of the New Testament.



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HISTORY  
MONTH**

Iconography  
Aniconism  
Iconoclasm



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Iconography, the science of identification, description, classification, and interpretation of symbols, themes, and subject matter in the visual arts. ... The term can also refer to the artist's use of this imagery in a particular work



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Aniconism is the avoidance, prohibition or opposition to the use of icons or visual images to depict living creatures or religious figures.



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Iconoclasm literally means “image breaking” and it is the destruction of religious icons and other images or monuments for religious or political motives



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Exodus 20:3-5

<sup>3</sup> Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.



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Iconography (practice)

Aniconism (prohibited)

Iconoclasm (destruction)

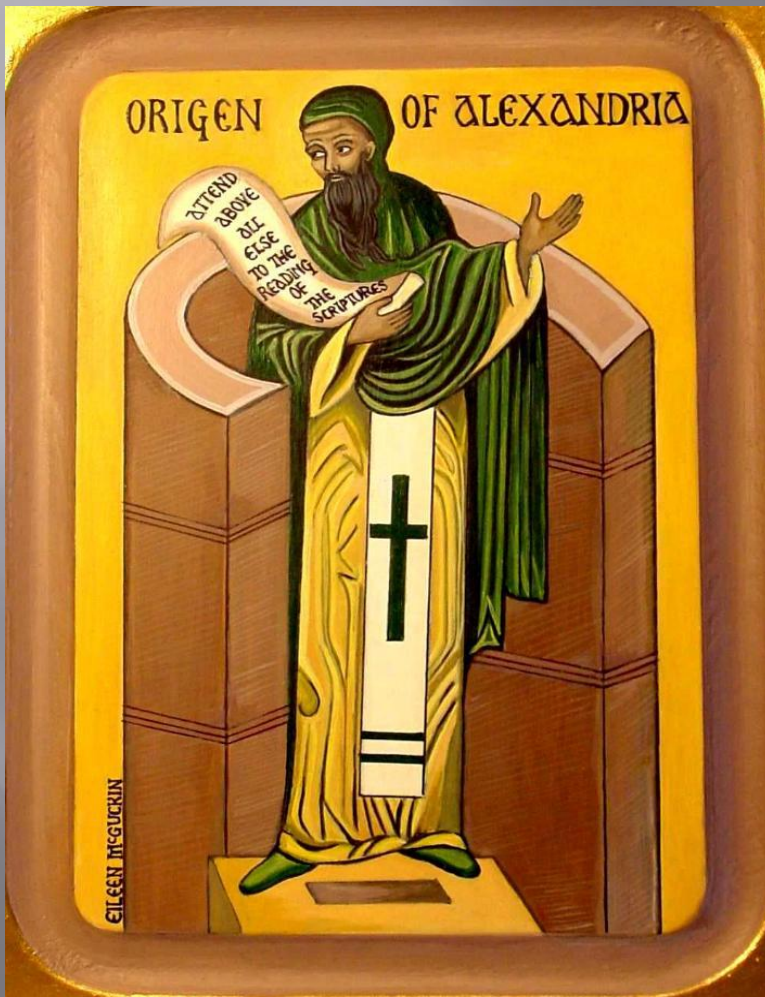
# Tertullian



- ▣ Born around 145 AD and died in 240 AD
- ▣ Born in Carthage
- ▣ Coined the word “Trinity”
- ▣ First writer to use the word “church” to describe a building
- ▣ Father of Latin Christianity

# Origen of Alexandria

- Born 185 AD and died 254 AD

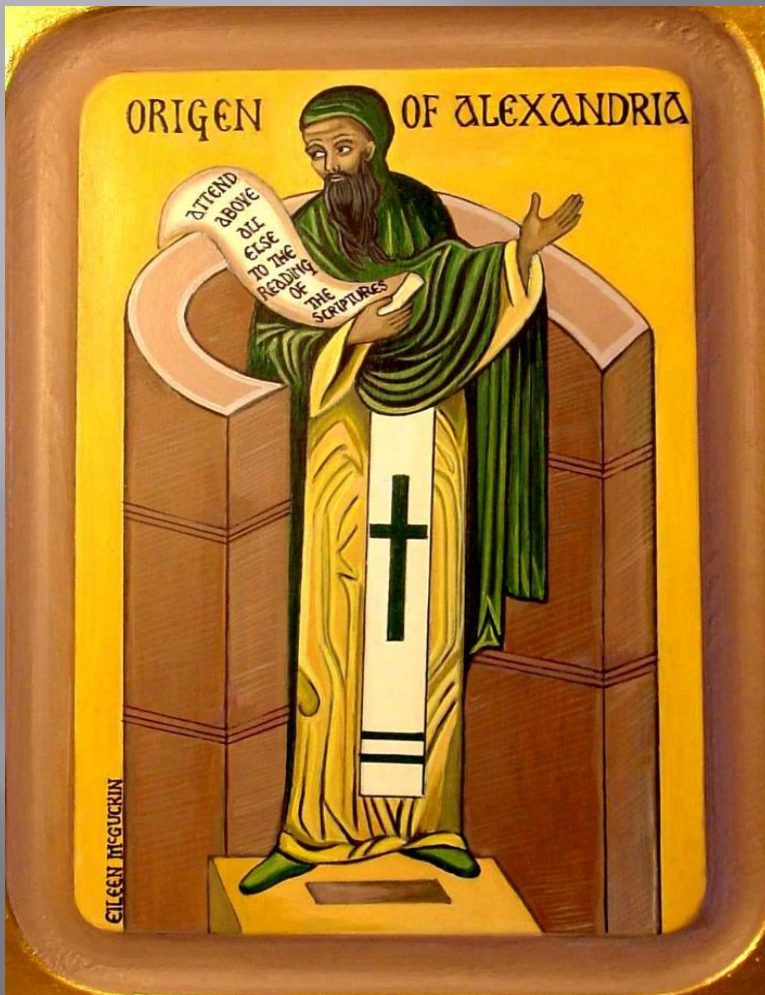


## Famous Quotes

“The blood of Martyrs  
is the seed of the  
Church”

“You can judge the quality of their faith from the way they behave. Discipline is the index to doctrine.”

# Origen of Alexandria



- ❑ Born 185 AD and died 254 AD
- ❑ Lived a life of asceticism
- ❑ Compiled the Hexapla
- ❑ Nick name Adamantius

# Hexpala

