

A chronology of this period...just for observation, not memory.

- 29-32Pentecost: the beginning of the church as a body politic
- 44 Death of Herod. Paul's conversion is before this, perhaps as early as 36-38.
- 52 Claudius expels the Jews from Rome
- 54 Beginning of Nero's rule
- 64 Burning of Rome: Neronian persecution peaks
- 67 Suggested dates for martyrdom of Peter, Paul
- Jewish insurrection in Palestine
- 70 Titus destroys Jerusalem. Jews are forbidden to be there. Christian/Jewish polarization becomes more formally defined.
- 73 Fall of Masada..the Josephus era
- 79 Titus made emperor
- 81 Domitian rules Rome. Sporadic persecution.
- 91 Suggested date for 1 Clement...a writing from one who was a "bishop" in Rome
- 96 John writes Revelation (ca), maybe his Gospel and letters as well.
- 98 Trajan rules Rome
- 99 Supposed death of John
- 104 Pliny/Trajan correspondence
- 112 Ignatius period (letters to churches)
- 117 Rule of Hadrian
- 123 Suggested dates for early apologists: Quadratus, Aristides, etc.
- 132 Bar Chochba revolt
- 135 End of Jewish war and revolt
- 140 Approximate date for first version of Apostle's Creed
- 150 Justin Martyr active..first apology in 151
- 154 Martyrdom of Polycarp