

# Symbols of Early Christianity on Ancient Roman and Medieval Coins

Christianity spread originally in the ancient Roman empire. The emperor Constantine I, the Great had the [First Council of Nicaea](#) standardize Christianity circa 325 A.D.. Since those times, the symbols of Christianity were well wide-spread on ancient coinage. Certainly an interesting topic to collect and explore. This article puts many different topics relating to Christianity together for a quick guide to those topics on ancient coins. There may be more topics to explore, and I would like to add them to the list, if you should like to let me know about them. May this be helpful to you.

1. [Coins of Jerusalem](#) are certainly another interesting topic to collect, that are connected with the "Holy Land"
2. [Tribute Penny](#) coins were issued by [Tiberius - Roman Emperor](#): 14-37 A.D. -
3. [Pontius Pilate - Known chiefly for the Trial and Crucifixion of Jesus Christ](#). His coins exist and are an interesting area to collect.
4. [Constantine I 'The Great' - Roman Emperor](#): 307-337 A.D. - is also known as saint Constantine, and are important for Christianity.
5. [Saint Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great](#)
6. [Aelia Flacilla Roman Empress Theodosius I Wife 379-385 A.D.](#), known as the Orthodox Saint Aelia Flacilla
7. [Coins with the cross](#) on them were mostly minted by emperors [Theodosius II](#) and [Arcadius](#).



8. Coins with the Chi-Rho, which was a combination of the initials of Jesus Christ in Greek, the letters X and P. The pronunciation of those two letters was actually Chi for X and Rho for the P. This symbol was said "By this Sign I shall Conquer" used by [Constantine I 'The Great'](#). Notice how in the coin on the right, the emperor holds a captive by the head, while holding the standard with the [Chi-Rho](#), called the [labarum](#).



9. [Ancient Roman coins depicting Angels, know in Roman times as Victory](#). It is easy to establish a connection with the ancient Greek goddess [Nike](#) or [Victory](#) that was adopted by the early Christians and known nowadays as angels.



10. [Jesus Christ on ancient/medieval Byzantine Coins](#)



11. [Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ](#)



12. [Byzantine Coins depicting various saints.](#)



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