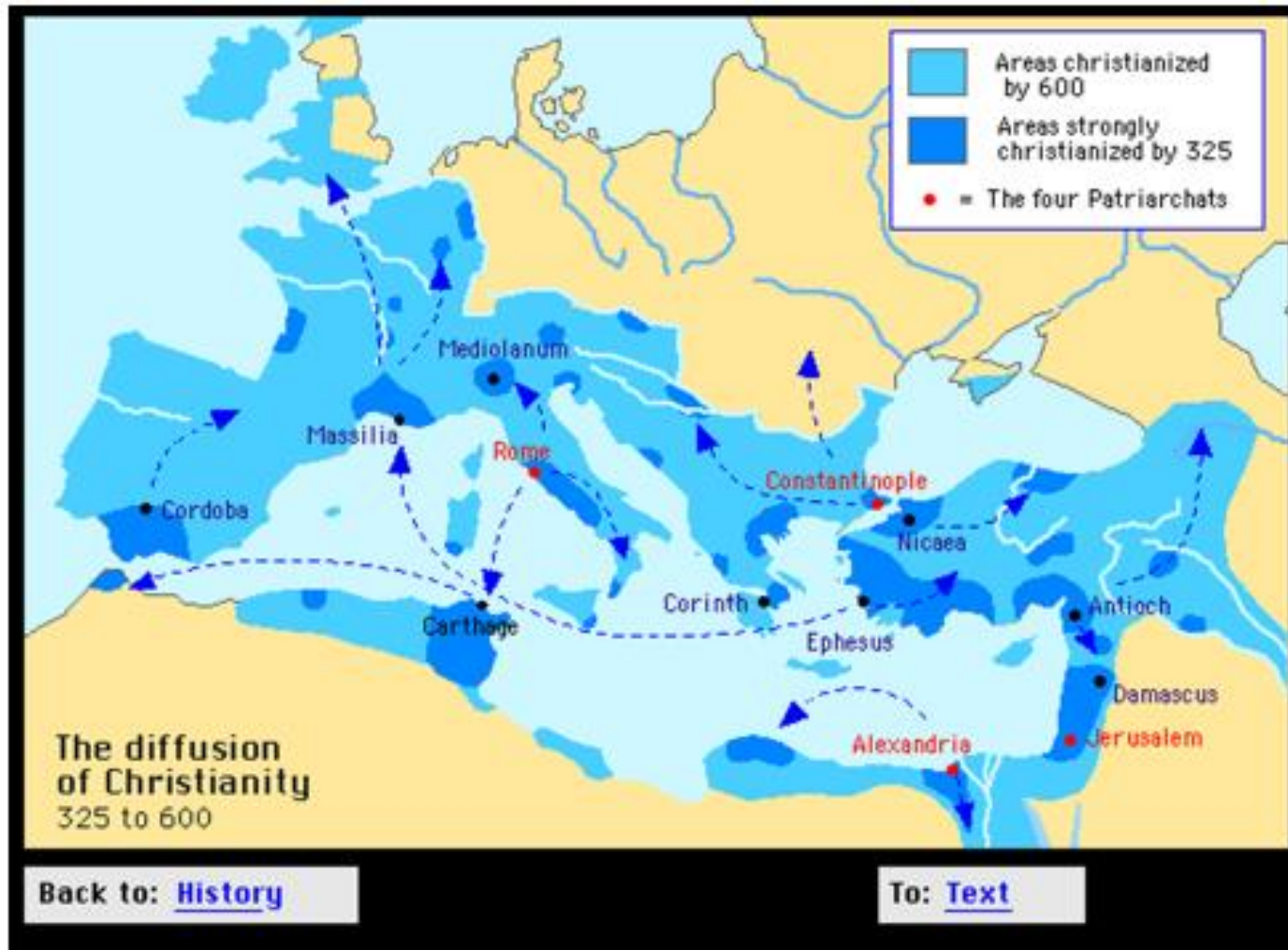


Aim: How did Christianity impact the lives of Christians living in the Roman Empire?



Appeal of Christianity

- Embraced all people –men, women, slaves, the poor
- Gave hope to the powerless
- Appealed to those who were repelled by the extravagances of Imperial Rome.
- Promised eternal life after death

Persecution of Christians

- Refused to worship Roman gods seen as opposition to Roman rule.
- Martyrs – people willing to sacrifice their lives for the sake of a belief or a cause.

Sermon on the Mount

- According to Jesus, How will the poor be rewarded?
- How should you treat others according to Jesus?



Source: Nero's Torches (Christian Candlesticks) by Henry Siemiradzki, 1876



Christian Dirce (Henryk Siemiradzki) shows the punishment of a Roman woman who had converted to Christianity(1897)