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Early Christianity covers the period from its origins (c. 30–36) until the First Council of Nicaea (325). This period is typically divided into the Apostolic Age (c. 30-100) and the Ante-Nicene Period (c. 100-325).. The first Christians were Jewish Christians, either by birth or conversion ("proselytes" in Biblical terminology). Important practices were baptism, which made one a member of ... Though in our day, the cross is the most common Christian symbol -- by far -- it was not always so. The Cross in Christian Art and Monuments. During the period of persecutions before Constantine I, we generally don't find the cross on monuments and catacomb sepulchres.