

# HOW THE CHURCH CAME TO BE

6-5 BC?

The Incarnation. God takes human nature as Jesus. The Church is planted like a seed.



25 AD?

Jesus begins his public life. He tells people to repent and believe the good news.



25 AD?

He calls his disciples to learn from him and help him in his work.

Soon he has called together a band of 12 close followers. They stay with him for three years. Jesus teaches them.



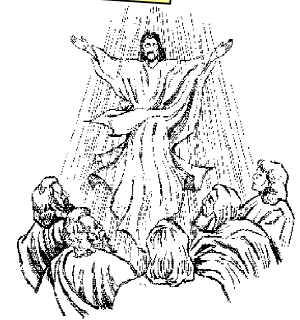
28 AD?

After rising from the dead, Jesus promised his followers that they would receive the Holy Spirit.

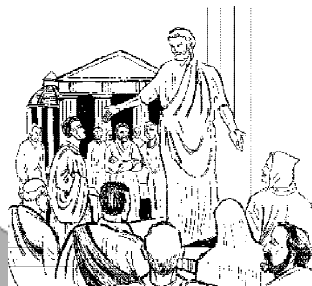
Jesus had chosen Simon Peter to be the leader of the disciples. He told him to 'feed my sheep'.

28 AD?

50 days after the resurrection, at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came down on the 12 disciples.



Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. The apostles preached to everyone that Jesus had risen from the dead. They lived, prayed and worked together.



The Church grew very quickly. The apostles were leaders of the Church. They laid hands on others and called down the Spirit. Some of the apostles' memories of Jesus life were written.



**INCARNATION** - God became God-man (Jesus)  
**DISCIPLE** - follower of Jesus  
**APOSTLE** - one sent out to preach about Jesus  
**CHURCH** - family of believers joined to Jesus by the Holy Spirit