

## Lesson 5

### **End of the Early Church [30 AD – 476 AD]**

Pentecost [30 AD] to the fall of Rome [476 AD]

### **Beginning of the Medieval Church [476 AD – 1492 AD]**

Fall of Rome [476AD] to Columbus' discovery of America [1492 AD]

#### **First 6 Ecumenical Councils**

1. Nicaea [325]

2. Constantinople [381]

3. Ephesus [431]

4. Chalcedon [451]

#### **Major Teachings/Event**

Jesus is NOT a created being!

Nicene Creed is confirmed

θεοτοκος (God-bearer)

Jesus is 100% human and 100% God

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5. Constantinople [553]

Eastern and Western Christianity drift further apart

6. Constantinople [680]

Last Great council

### **The Eastern and Western Church officially split in 1054**

Councils are called to deal with issues of doctrine. The councils sought not to create doctrine but rather to simply formalize what scripture taught. Councils are a reaction to a problem.

#### **Crusades**

These were wars over the Holy Land (Israel) and other religious significant sights.

These wars were between Christians in Europe and Muslims in Asia.

The Crusades are more complex than they are made out to be by most popular level historians.