



The ideas of Europe

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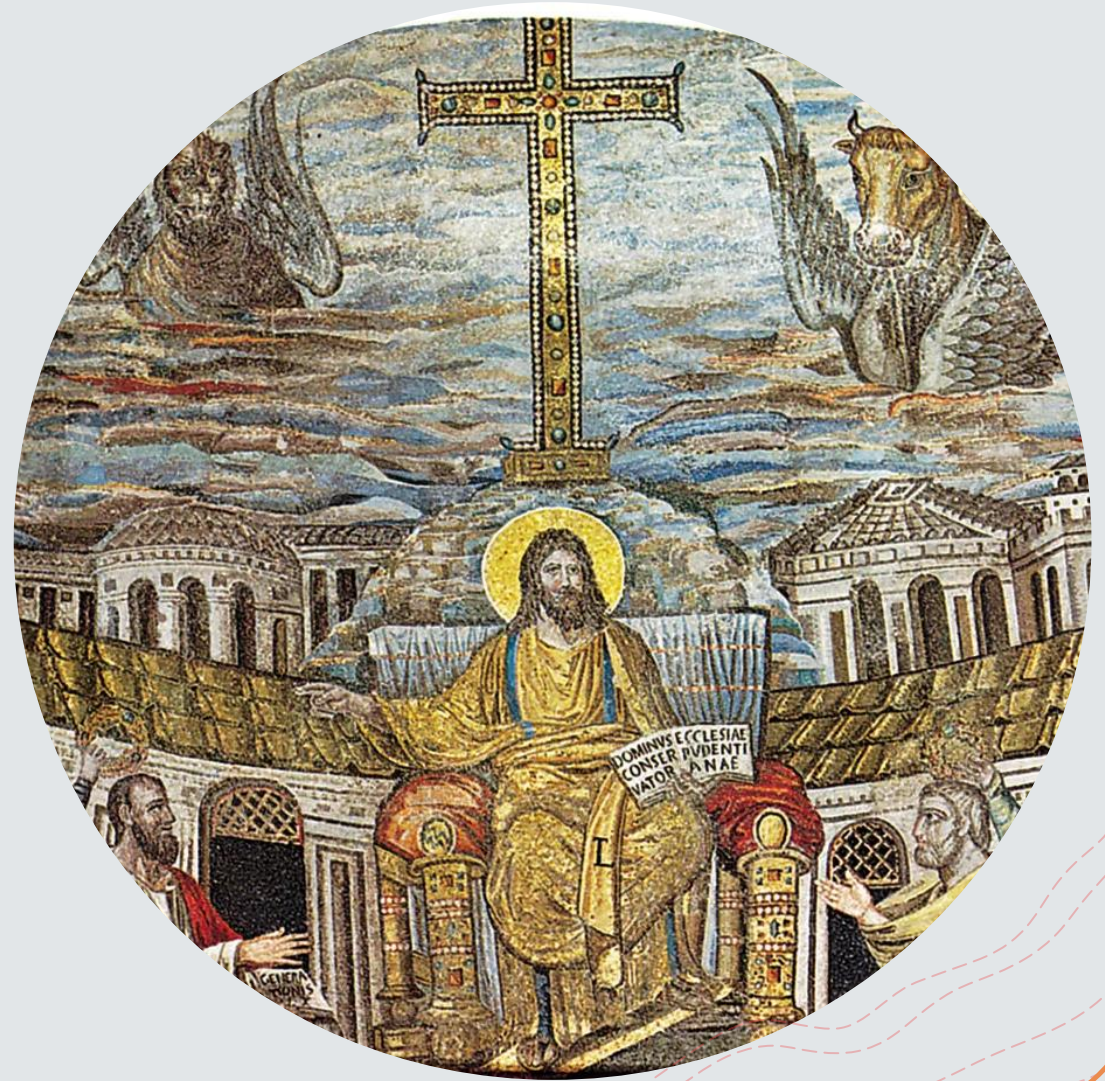
History of the idea of Europe

- + Originated in Greek world
- + Myth of Europa
- + Labeled parts of Asia, not Europe as we know it
- + According to Greeks, inhabitants of Europe were barbarians
- + Until 7th century, idea of Europe was unimportant.
- + The term "Europe" was rarely used



Christianity

- + Began with the Roman empire
- + In 313 AD Rome accepted Christianity
- + The split into East and West
- + East – Byzantine, Orient
- + West – Europe, Occident
- + Christianity started to define Europe after the rise of Islam in 7th century
- + Afterwards it spread throughout Europe



Post war experiences

- + World War 2 left europe in ruins, including economy or infastructure
- + Cold war dividng europe into west and east
- + West understood the need to unite and it did so with the help of USA
- + EC was formed to avoid future conflits on the region by integrating the MS's so that war is impossible



Legacy of an empire

- + Nations inside Europe were one of the strongest in the world
- + European expansion from 16th to 20th century was very successful
- + In 20th century European powers controlled over 80 percent of global land
- + Success for not one ethnic group but for political system
- + Powered by individualism and subsequently science and progress



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