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## HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF SPREAD OF CHRISTIANITY IN SOUTHEASTERN ADRIATIC

### Abstract

In this paper the author deals with some important events from the early Christian history on the South Adriatic coast and its hinterland. She covered the period from the 3rd to 7th century and spoke about conditions and ways of spreading the Christianity, main centers as sources of Christianizing rural areas in the inland, prosecution of Christians with the emphasis on martyrs of Salona, legalization of Christianity and theological disputes. Analyzing available sources, former findings on early Christian history of our areas have been upgraded.

*Key words:* early Christianity; Church of Salona; Christianization, prosecutions; written sources