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The Cult of the Saints Select Homilies and Letters St Vladimir's Seminary Press  
"The cult of the saints is a phenomenon that expanded rapidly in the fourth century, and John Chrysostom's homilies are important witnesses to its growth. In this volume, Wendy Mayer investigates the liturgical, topographical, and pastoral aspects that marked the martyr cult at Antioch and Constantinople in John's time."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Impulsore Chresto reassesses opposition to Christianity AD 50-250. The Roman authorities' persecutions have caught the attention of both the public, intrigued by martyrs, and scholars, arguing that executions were relatively rare. This is not challenged, but the executions are placed in context as the most dramatic aspect of a spectrum of opposition including rumors, polemic, harassment and accusations. Such opposition was taken for granted and rarely described. When studying the preserved texts on trials against Christians, however, it appears that even here relatives, plaintiffs, spectators or local officials played crucial roles. There were as many reasons for opposition as opponents, but some motives reappear in clusters: Christians were perceived as superstitious and ungodly, as endangering peace with the gods and social order.

The Attalid Kingdom, centered on Pergamon, was the most important of the kingdoms of Asia Minor that emerged in the third and second centuries B.C. The first authoritative treatment of the subject since 1906, this book assesses the copious epigraphical evidence, discusses the significance of the reign of Attalos I and the of the Roman settlement of Asia in 188 B.C., and reconsiders many aspects of civic, fiscal, and religious policies.

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