

Tiberius Julius Caesar

(42 B.C. – 37 A.D.)

- BC 44 (Ides of March) Assassination of Julius Caesar (Cicero present at theater)
- 44 (Oct-Nov-Dec) Cicero delivers his *Philippics* before Senate, attacking Mark Antony
- 44 (Dec) - 43 (Jan) Cicero at his peak of power in Rome, speaking before Senate, as duel between Mark Antony & Octavian continues
- 43 (Oct 19) Octavian elected consul even though he is too young (age 20)
- 43 (Nov 26) Second Triumvirate (43-33 BC) meets at river, Mark Antony, Octavian, Lepidus sign document
- Triumvirate posts "proscriptions" for hundreds (including Cicero) supposed guilty in Caesar assassination
- 42 (Oct 23) Battle of Philippi: Brutus and Cassius (representing the Republic) vs. Mark Antony and Octavian: Mark Antony and Octavian win
- Now all Republicans are dead, in proscriptions and battles; old Senate class is gone
- (Nov 16) Birth of Tiberius, son of Tiberius Claudius Nero and Livia Drusilla, who divorced Nero and married Octavian in 39BC, making Tiberius a step-son (and later adopted son) of Octavian
- 31 Battle of Actium. Octavian (Augustus) defeats Mark Antony, who commits suicide
- Octavian in Alexandria-Cleopatra tries to seduce him, commits suicide
- Egypt becomes Roman province
- Octavian (Augustus) is supreme, the beginning of the "Roman Empire"
- 27 Octavian becomes Caesar Augustus, consul of Rome (Principate 27-14 AD)
- 23 Octavian resigns as consul but becomes princeps ("First Citizen") of Rome—essentially, Emperor of Rome, though he will never formally adopt the title of Emperor
- 15 Roman lands extend to the upper Danube
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- AD 6 Judea becomes a Roman Province
- 9 Death of Drusus (b. 38BC), younger brother of Tiberius
- Battle of the Teutoburg Forest, a crushing defeat of Roman legions (and their leader, Publius Quinctilius Varus) by Germans; end of Roman presence in Germany (no return)
- 12 Death of Marcus Vipsanius Agrippa, father-in-law of Tiberius
- 14 Death of Augustus, succeeded by emperor Tiberius, stepson of Augustus and wife Livia
- 19 Death of Germanicus (b. 15 BC), nephew and adopted son of Tiberius; Romans angry, blame Tiberius, though he is not at fault
- 23 Death of Tiberius's son Drusus Julius Caesar (only child of Tiberius and first wife Vipsania Agrippa)
- 27 Tiberius retires to villa on Capri, rules from there for last 10 years of his life (27 - 37)
- 29 John the Baptist preaching, foreshadowing of message of Jesus of Nazareth
- 31 Downfall of Sejanus, friend and confidant of Tiberius; reign of terror to root out all his co-conspirators
- 33 (April 3) Crucifixion (see article, Humphreys, *Nature*: Dec 22 1983)
- 37 Death of Tiberius, Caligula becomes emperor (37 - 41)
- 41 Claudius succeeds Caligula as emperor