



The History of Christianity in India



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The Origins of Christianity in India:

52 AD or 180 AD

The Indian Context:

India's Thomas Christians:

The Pharangi Imposition:

Vasco da Gamma 1498

Early Modern Missions in India:

1706 and Tamil Conversions

Major Movements Within India:

1653 – Coonan Cross Oath

1889 Mar Thoma Church

Modern Missions in India:

Ecumenism, Liberalism and Pragmatism

Lessons from the history of India:

1. Christianity is always local
2. Numbers can deceive.
3. Mass movements need time to tell.
4. Faithfulness is the best methodology.
5. Quality is better than speed.
6. Gospel Change leads to social change.
7. Contextualization is for clarity not comfort.
8. God is always at work.
9. Modern India is a mess.
10. Train pastors to help churches to save individuals.