

TURNING POINTS IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY: Learning to spot key moments/movements
#8 DIET OF WORMS AND LUTHER'S 95 THESIS (Paul E. Engle ScriptureGateway.com)

INTRO.

1. Council of Constance 1415. What happened?
2. What was his prediction?
3. How did the prediction come true?

I. BACKGROUND ON THE MONK AND HIS ACTION

A. Why did Martin Luther post this notice on the church door?

1. Purpose: to stimulate _____
2. Where did Luther send a copy? _____
3. What was inside the Castle Church in Wittenberg? _____
4. Who was Tetzel? _____
5. What language was used? _____

B. What was the result of this posting?

II. LUTHER DEMONSTRATES COURAGE AT THE DIET OF WORMS

A. **What led up to the Diet of Worms?**

1. What did the Pope do?
2. How did Luther respond?
3. What happened in many German towns?

B. Luther then received a personal invitation from the Holy Roman Emperor.

1. Where would the meeting be held? _____.
2. Who guaranteed safe passage?
3. What greeted him as he arrived in town?

C. What did the presiding bishop do?

D. How did Luther respond?

E. When they reconvened the next day what did Luther say?

“A humble Bible teacher and pastor “dared to say “NO” to the assembled forces of early modern Europe, to the entire panoply of church and state, and to cite his own little conscience (surely a negligible phenomenon to the majority of his listeners” as the reason for his absolute, unannounced, unhedged rebellion.” (Thomas Cahill p. 183)

F. What happened on the way out of town?

G. Where was Luther taken?

H. What was Luther able to do during his confinement?

I. What lesson can we draw from this?