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What if important people in history would have made different decisions? Would history have turned out differently? What if Constantine converted to Mithraism, the religion of most of the Roman army, instead of Christianity?

Constantine was the first Roman emperor ever to admit that he is Christian. Compared to most of the Roman people it was very unusual to be a Christian because most of them were part of Mithraism. Constantine changed a lot of the Christians in Rome. Because of him, Christianity got tolerated. In 325 even the Nicene Creed was professed by Christians. Even after his death, he was still a symbol of virtue for the medieval church. Through Constantine, the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire stopped. But what if Constantine would have never converted to Christianity?

If Constantine would have never converted I believe the Roman religion would be bigger today. In their religion, they have twelve major gods and goddesses of the Roman pantheon. Today the biggest religions don't have multiple Gods but if Constantine wouldn't have been a Christian I'm sure that the Roman Religion would be a major religion today. I also think that Christianity would still be a major Religion even though the persecution of Christians would have never stopped in Rome. We can see in History that if you forbid people to believe something they will hold on to it more than ever.

All in all, I would say that either way it wouldn't have changed a lot for Christianity but I think the popularity of the Roman Religion would be bigger today. I think a lot more people would be followers of the Roman Religion.