

St. Victor I, pope

St. Victor was the last pope of the second century. He reigned from 189-99. During his pontificate the Roman church grew in power at the expense of Easter churches. He helped standardize the celebration of Easter in the Christian church and upheld Christ's divinity in the face of the heresy of Adoptionism, which claimed Jesus only because God's son upon Baptism or after his Resurrection from the dead. St. Victor is the last pope believed to have been buried on the Vatican Hill in Rome near St. Peter, but modern excavations have yet to confirm this claim.