

What were the Romans' religious beliefs?

The Romans didn't really get Christianity at this time, the idea of having just one god. The Romans believed in many gods and if they needed something they would just ask one particular god for it.

Maybe they needed courage for a forthcoming battle or good health or good fortune. And in return, they would offer that god some kind of gift, or a sacrifice of an animal.

In other words, they made a deal or a contract and they did it on special sacrificial altars, many of which have been discovered in Scotland. They consist of stone pillars with carved inscriptions.

They also believed that some animals had special powers. This stone lioness probably stood guard over the tomb of an important Roman soldier and it's likely that he believed that it would help to keep him safe in the afterlife.

It was discovered quite by accident in a river near Edinburgh back in 1997 after being underwater for about 1,800 years! Can you imagine? How you getting on? You found anything yet? Well, keep looking then.

