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Pope Urban II: The Catalyst of the First Crusade

Short Answer Key

1. Pope Urban II issued the call to the First Crusade in response to a request for assistance from the Byzantine Emperor Alexios I Komnenos, who sought help against the Seljuk Turks.
2. Pope Urban II's call inspired thousands of Christians throughout Europe to take up the cross and join the Crusade. People from various backgrounds, including knights, peasants, and clergy, responded to the call.
3. Notable leaders of the First Crusade included Godfrey of Bouillon, Bohemond of Taranto, Raymond IV of Toulouse, and others. They played leadership roles in different Crusader armies.
4. The capture of Jerusalem by the Crusaders in 1099 was significant as it marked the establishment of Crusader states in the Holy Land, with Godfrey of Bouillon becoming the first ruler of the Kingdom of Jerusalem.

