

Christianity

Knowledge Organiser – Autumn Term 2

Unit U2.3 Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah? (Incarnation)

Key Vocabulary

Messiah	The figure promised by God to the Jews for the salvation of the world (the Anointed One).
Saviour	Christians refer to Jesus as the Saviour, they are referring to the belief that he gave up his own life to save humans from their sins.
Incarnation	The believe that God took human form by becoming Jesus. It literally means 'to take on flesh'. For Christians, the incarnation shows that Jesus was fully God and fully human.
Exile	A punishment that God has used from the very beginning (Adam and Eve). It means being forced to live away from one's native country or home, especially as a punishment.
Anointed	A person made holy in a religious ceremony that involves putting holy water or oil on them.
Eternal	God created time and is not limited by it – God does not get old like human beings.
Prophet	One who speaks on behalf of a God or who is divinely inspired to reveal the will of a God.
Prophecy	A statement about what will happen in the future. Only God knows for sure what the future will be like.

Overview – Sequence of lessons (Learning Objectives)

1. To understand what incarnation means.
2. To identify the qualities of a 'Messiah'.
3. To investigate whether Jesus was the hoped-for Messiah.
4. To recognise how Jesus is shown to be the saviour.
5. To identify why Christians believe Jesus to be the Messiah.



Knowledge Building blocks

- Jesus was Jewish.
- Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh.
- They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.
- The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' — a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like.
- Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations, and that he is the Messiah (Jewish people do not think Jesus is the Messiah).
- Christians see Jesus as their Saviour (See Salvation).

The word *Messiah* means "deliverer" or "saviour." In the Bible, this word is used to describe Jesus! God sent his very own Son, Jesus, to be the Messiah. When Jesus was on earth, He fulfilled all of the prophecies that were told about Him. And finally, Jesus died on a cross so He could pay the price of sin for anyone who believes in Him. He then rose from the dead three days later and went back to heaven to prepare a place for everyone who would accept His death as the payment for their sin.

The Holy Trinity

-Christians believe that God can be seen in three ways, known as the Holy Trinity:
 -The Father – Creator of the world;
 -The Son – Who came to Earth as Jesus;
 -The Holy Spirit – God's power within Christians.

The New Testament –

27 books with stories about Jesus (God's son) and what he did and said. It also talks about how the church was started by his followers (**Christians**). It also spreads the message of God's love.

The Old Testament –

39 books that teach us about how the world was made by God, and how the people he chose to live a holy life (**Israelites**).

The Big Frieze - The 'big story' of the bible is divided into **8 key concepts**. The first concept in the 'big story' of salvation is **God**. Christians believe that God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Holy Trinity).

Creation	Fall	People of God	Incarnation	Gospel	Salvation	Kingdom of God