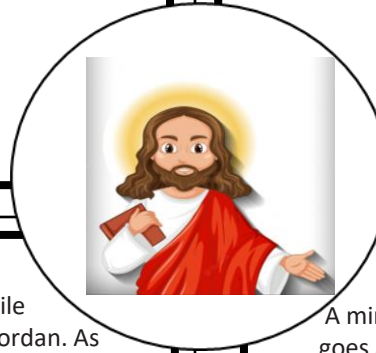


Who is Jesus? : Key Concepts

Word	Definition
Incarnation	[IN] + [KAA] + [NAY] + [SHUHN] - from the Latin term- 'to be made flesh' - the Christian belief that God took on human form by becoming Jesus.
Messiah	[MUH] + [SY] + [UH] - Messiah is Hebrew and means 'anointed one'. This is a title given to the person believed to be the saviour, who has been chosen to bring salvation to humankind.
Saviour	[SAY] + [VYUH] the belief that Jesus gave up his own life to save humans from their sins.
Baptism	[BAP] + [TI] + [ZUHM] - the sacrament that welcomes a person into the Catholic faith and to free them from the original sin they were born with.
Miracle	[MIRR] + [UH] + [KUHL] - an extraordinary event that goes against nature, cannot be explained by science and that Christians believe is caused by God
Resurrection	[REZ] + [UH] + [REK] + [SHUHN] -the rising of Christ from the dead
Parable	[PARR] + [UH] + [BUHL] -simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.
Crucifixion	[KROO] + [SUH] + [FIK] + [SHUHN] - the act of killing someone by nailing his or her feet and hands to a cross



Who is Jesus? – Key beliefs

Christians believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and that:

- God sent his Son to earth to save humanity from the consequences of its sins
 - Jesus was fully human and experienced this world in the same way as other human beings of his time.
 - He was God incarnate (God made flesh) - He was fully divine.
 - Jesus was tortured and gave his life on the Cross (At the Crucifixion)
 - Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after his Crucifixion (the Resurrection)
- Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah promised in the Old Testament
Christians believe that there is only one God, but that this one God consists of 3 "persons" -God the Father, God the Son, The Holy Spirit.

The incarnation

Incarnation means 'made flesh'. It is the Christian belief that God became a man in the person of Jesus, fully human and fully divine. God becoming human in the form of Jesus.

God the Son was sent to Earth in human form to save humans. Through the incarnation of Jesus, humans were able to start repairing their damaged relationship with God. This relationship had been imperfect since Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Jesus Christ is the **incarnation** of God on Earth.



The angel announced to Mary that Jesus would be "The Son of the Most High," and "The Son of God" (Luke 1:35-37)

Jesus' Baptism

Jesus came to **John the Baptist** while was baptising people in the River Jordan. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. At the moment that Jesus was baptised there were significant events:

- heaven was opened
- God's spirit descended on Jesus (A dove)
- God's voice was heard

Christians believe Jesus was baptised so that he could become like one of us. He set an example for us to follow. This is an important event as it one of the first times we see the three persons of the Holy Trinity.



'This is my own dear son with whom I am pleased.'(Matthew 3:13-17)

Jesus as a miracle worker

A miracle is an extraordinary event that goes against nature, cannot be explained by science and that Christians believe is caused by God. We learn a lot about Jesus as a person through the miracles he worked.

- Miracles showed the **compassion** Jesus had for people. He did not want to see them suffering unnecessarily.
- Miracles demonstrated the close **relationship** Jesus had with God, his Father. It is through the power of God that Jesus is able to perform miracles. He is fully divine.



Jesus' first miracle - the transformation of water into wine (John 2: 7-11)

Jesus a Messiah and Saviour

The term **Messiah** is Hebrew and means 'anointed one'. This is a title given to the person believed to be the saviour, who has been chosen to save humankind. Many Christians believe that the Messiah was sent by God to save humanity.

Throughout the New Testament there is evidence of Jesus as the chosen one through his resurrection from the dead and the miracles he performed. The Messiah was sent to save humanity, and this salvation came about through his death and resurrection.



'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21)