

Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?

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I already know...



- Christians believe God is three in one - God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit.
- What happened when Jesus was baptised, and why it was an important moment in his life.
- That Creation, God, Incarnation (God becoming human), Salvation (being saved), and the Gospel (the good news about Jesus) are all important parts of the big story of the Bible.



Gems of Knowledge

- I know a saviour is someone who rescues or saves others.
- I can describe what makes someone a saviour and how this links to the Messiah.
- I know the Old Testament tells of a promised Messiah and what he would be like.
- I can find Gospel stories showing why Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah.
- I know Christians believe Jesus is God in human form - this is called the Incarnation.
- I understand that Christians celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas because they believe he is the Messiah and Saviour.
- I can tell the difference between religious and secular Christmas traditions and explain how both can show belief in Jesus as Saviour.



'Big Story' Timeline



Key Concept:

INCARNATION

The New Testament presents Jesus as the answer — the Messiah and Saviour, who will repair the effects of sin and the Fall and offer a way for humans to be at one with God again. Incarnation means that Jesus is God in the flesh, and



The Fall and the Need for a Saviour

Christians believe that when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, this caused a break between people and God, known as The Fall. The prophets Micah and Isaiah promised that God would send a Messiah — a rescuer — to heal this broken relationship.



The Messiah and Incarnation

Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah and that he is God in human form, called the Incarnation. Through his birth, death, and resurrection, Jesus healed the gap between people and God, showing that God is with us — Immanuel.



Wonderful Words

Messiah		A saviour from God, promised in the Hebrew texts.
Incarnation		Christians believe Jesus is God 'in the flesh' or God incarnate.
Saviour		Jesus came to save or rescue people.
Immanuel		A Hebrew name meaning God is with us.
Micah		A prophet from God who promised a rescuer.
Theological		About the study of God and religious belief.
Prophecy		A prediction of what will happen in the future.
Gospel		The good news about Jesus, a book of the New Testament recounting Jesus' life.
Prophet		A messenger sent from God
Isaiah		A prophet from God who told of a rescuer and what the Messiah would be like.