

Ethics

Year 7 Knowledge Organisers

Term 3: What is Christianity?



Topics Covered

- Origins of Christianity
- Life Of Jesus
- Parables
- Miracles
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- What is Prayer?
- The Lord's Prayer
- What is Worship?
- What is the Bible?
- Is Christianity sexist?
- Evaluation of these different ideas
- What is your opinion?

Challenge yourself. Practice questions.

1. Explain how Christianity started
2. Choose one of the parables of Jesus and write a modern-day version of it. Remember to include the moral of the story.
3. Evaluate: Are Miracles real?
4. Explain why some people believe Jesus came back to life from the dead and why some people do not. Give 2 reason for each point or view.
5. Why do Christian's worship God?
6. Explain the meaning of the Lord's Prayer
7. Is the Bible relevant in the 21st century?

Useful links: What is Christianity?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEtR2ouw76c>

Parables

https://bibleproject.com/videos/how-to-read-the-bible-the-parables-of-jesus/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI_ozRx8_-6AIVkM13Ch0SZw5nEAAAYASAAEgIRFPD_BwE

Miracles:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8cmppSIQUX4>

Death and Resurrection of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CxFzQh3fhOU>

What is the Bible?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvGTbVP_jlA

What is Worship?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5-aKSrLXM4>



Key words:

What is Christianity?

Bible - Holy book of Christians.

Blasphemy: to act against their beliefs, profane talk.

Crucifixion: where someone is nailed or bound to a cross.

Faith : to believe in a religion

Gospels: The first 4 books in the New Testament. Books that contain accounts of the life of Jesus.

Incarnation: God became human in the form of Jesus

Inerrant: No errors at all.

Jesus: Christians believe he is God come down to earth

Lord's Prayer: The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The model of how you should pray

Messiah: the promise deliverer of the Jewish nation

Miracle : something that can't be explained by the laws of nature

Parable: story with a hidden moral meaning that teaches you something about God. .

Prayer: Communicating/Talking with God

Prophecy: prediction of what will happen in the future.

Prophet: Someone who tells the people a message from God e.g. Daniel and Jonah.

Resurrection: come back to life from the death. For example, Jesus came back to life from the dead.

Saviour: the figure promised by God to the Jews for the salvation of the world. Christians believe this is Jesus.

Tomb: A large hole in a cave used for burying the dead.

Worship: an act that shows devotion to or love for God

Think about and Challenge
yourself:...

**IS JESUS
GOD?**

The Bible:

The Holy Book of Christians is the Bible. It is not just one book but contains a library of books, 66 in all. It is divided up into 2 sections, the Old Testament, and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the Jewish Holy book, which tells of God making the world, stories of heroes like Joseph, Moses, David, History, poetry and Prophecy. The New Testament starts with the accounts of the life of Jesus, and his death and resurrection. It also contains life of the early church, letters and prophecy.

Christians have many different opinions on the Bible. Some believe it is the direct word of God, which is inerrant. Others believe that it was written by humans and therefore as we are not perfect, it may contain mistakes, but it is the message of God.

Worship

Worship is the way Christians show their devotion to God. It can be done in several ways, for example, prayer, singing Christian songs, reading the Bible etc.

Liturgical worship. This follows set prayers and readings that can be found in printed books. Christians read them aloud together in church as a congregation to.

Non-liturgical worship. This is informal, with less structure. There is no particular pattern used, the vicar or minister will decide in what order they want to do things

Informal worship. When doing this Christians focus on adoration of God. It can take place anywhere and is not necessarily done in a church. The music used is contemporary and modern in style, and often involves a band

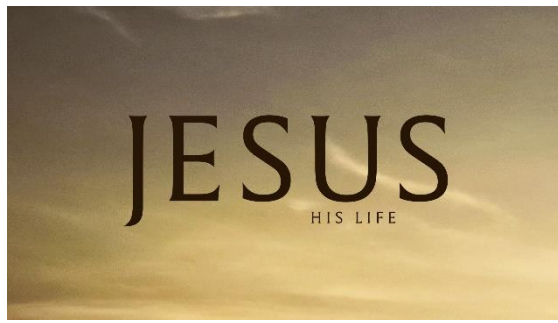
Prayer:

Prayer is communicating or talking to God. It can be said anywhere or at any time. It can be said aloud or silently. It can be read or said aloud with lots of other people, or it can be said using your own words that you want to use. You can pray as many times a day as you want to.

Christians believe that God hears and answers prayer. Sometimes he says Yes, sometimes he says No and sometimes he says wait a bit. Christians use the Lord's prayer as a model of how to pray. Because this is the prayer Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him how they should pray. Another way they use to pray is to use the acronym STOP. This stands for Sorry, Thank you, Others and Please

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.



Parables: In religion parables are stories that have a hidden meaning which teaches you something about God.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

So Jesus used this illustration: “If you had a hundred sheep and one of them strayed away and was lost in the wilderness, wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine others to go and search for the lost one until you found it? And then you would joyfully carry it home on your shoulders. When you arrived you would call together your friends and neighbours to rejoice with you because your lost sheep was found.

“Well, in the same way heaven will be happier over one lost sinner who returns to God than over ninety-nine others who haven’t strayed away!



Miracles: A miracle is an amazing thing that happens that science cannot explain. These are said to have only been done because of God.

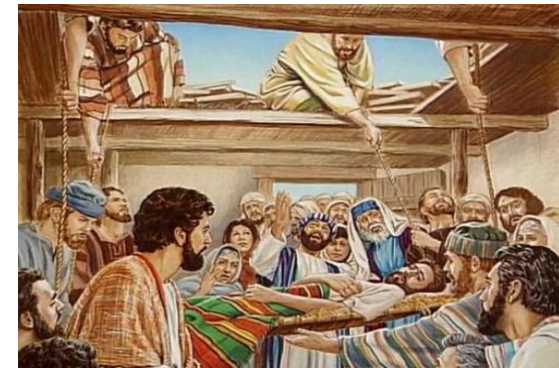
The Healing of the Paralysed Man:

Several days later he returned to Capernaum, and the news of his arrival spread quickly through the city. ² Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there wasn’t room for a single person more, not even outside the door. And he preached the Word to them. ³ Four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a stretcher. ⁴ They couldn’t get to Jesus through the crowd, so they dug through the clay roof above his head and lowered the sick man on his stretcher, right down in front of Jesus.^[a]

⁵ When Jesus saw how strongly they believed that he would help, Jesus said to the sick man, “Son, your sins are forgiven!” ⁶ But some of the Jewish religious leaders^[b] said to themselves as they sat there, ⁷ “What? This is blasphemy! Does he think he is God? For only God can forgive sins.”

⁸ Jesus could read their minds and said to them at once, “Why does this bother you? ⁹⁻¹¹ I, the Messiah,^[c] have the authority on earth to forgive sins. But talk is cheap—anybody could say that. So I’ll prove it to you by healing this man.” Then, turning to the paralyzed man, he commanded, “Pick up your stretcher and go on home, for you are healed!”

¹² The man jumped up, took the stretcher, and pushed his way through the stunned onlookers! Then how they praised God. “We’ve never seen anything like this before!” they all exclaimed.





The Death of Jesus

Then the Roman soldiers took him into the barracks of the palace, called out the entire palace guard, dressed him in a purple robe, and made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head. ¹⁸ Then they saluted, yelling, “Yea! King of the Jews!” ¹⁹ And they beat him on the head with a cane, and spat on him, and went down on their knees to “worship” him.

When they finally tired of their sport, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him again and led him away to be crucified. Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country just then, was pressed into service to carry Jesus’ cross. (Simon is the father of Alexander and Rufus.) And they brought Jesus to a place called Golgotha. (Golgotha means skull.) ²³ Wine drugged with bitter herbs was offered to him there, but he refused it. ²⁴ And then they crucified him—and threw dice for his clothes.

It was about nine o’clock in the morning when the crucifixion took place.

A signboard was fastened to the cross above his head, announcing his crime. It read, “The King of the Jews.” Two robbers were also crucified that morning, their crosses on either side of his. And so, the Scripture was fulfilled that said, “He was counted among evil men.”

The people jeered at him as they walked by and wagged their heads in mockery.

“Ha! Look at you now!” they yelled at him. “Sure, you can destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! If you’re so wonderful, save yourself and come down from the cross.”

The chief priests and religious leaders were also standing around joking about Jesus.

“He’s quite clever at ‘saving’ others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself!”

“Hey there, Messiah!” they yelled at him. “You ‘King of Israel’! Come on down from the cross and we’ll believe you!”

And even the two robbers dying with him cursed him.

About noon, darkness fell across the entire land,^[a] lasting until three o’clock that afternoon.

Then Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”^[b] (“My God, my God, why have you deserted me?”)

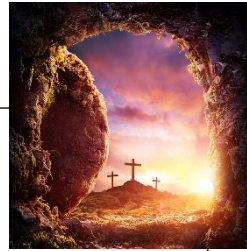
Some of the people standing there thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. ³⁶ So one man ran and got a sponge and filled it with sour wine and held it up to him on a stick.

“Let’s see if Elijah will come and take him down!” he said. Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and dismissed his spirit. And the curtain in the Temple was split apart from top to bottom. When the Roman officer standing beside his cross saw how he dismissed his spirit, he exclaimed, “Truly, this was the Son of God!” Some women were there watching from a distance—Mary Magdalene, Mary (the mother of James the Younger and of Joses), Salome, and others. They and many other Galilean women who were his followers had ministered to him when he was up in Galilee and had come with him to Jerusalem. This all happened the day before the Sabbath. Late that afternoon Joseph from Arimathea, an honoured member of the Jewish Supreme Court (who personally was eagerly expecting the arrival of God’s Kingdom), gathered his courage and went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.

Pilate couldn’t believe that Jesus was already dead, so he called for the Roman officer in charge and asked him. ⁴⁵ The officer confirmed the fact, and Pilate told Joseph he could have the body.

Joseph bought a long sheet of linen cloth and, taking Jesus’ body down from the cross, wound it in the cloth and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb, and rolled a stone in front of the entrance. (Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were watching as Jesus was laid away.)

The Resurrection of Jesus



Early the following morning, just at sunrise, they carried them out to the tomb. ³ On the way they were discussing how they could ever roll aside the huge stone from the entrance. But when they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone—a *very* heavy one, was already moved away and the entrance was open! So they entered the tomb—and there on the right sat a young man clothed in white. The women were startled, but the angel said, “Don’t be so surprised. Aren’t you looking for Jesus, the Nazarene who was crucified? He isn’t here! He has come back to life! Look, that is where his body was lying. Now go and give this message to his disciples including Peter:

“Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died!”

The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, too frightened to talk.

It was early on Sunday morning when Jesus came back to life, and the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene—the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰⁻¹¹ She found the disciples wet-eyed with grief and exclaimed that she had seen Jesus, and he was alive! But they didn’t believe her!

Later that day he appeared to two who were walking from Jerusalem into the country, but they didn’t recognize him at first because he had changed his appearance. When they finally realized who he was, they rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others, but no one believed them.

Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their unbelief—their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him alive from the dead.

Jesus was a genuine historical person, BUT Was Jesus God?

Jesus WAS God	Jesus was NOT God
Jesus is the Son of God so anything is possible	The Romans started killing people who believed in Jesus. If the disciples had stolen the body, they would have owned up rather than be killed.
If Jesus just fainted on the cross he would have been very weak. It is unlikely that he would have enough strength to get out of the tomb by himself.	If people saw Jesus after he “died”, he obviously was not dead in the first place.
At this time in History, women were sometimes regarded as unreliable and not allowed as witnesses. If the story was made up it would be unlikely for a woman to make the all-important discovery.	The Roman soldiers executed many people by crucifixion: they could easily have been confused About whether Jesus had dies or not.
Jesus performed many miracles, including raising people from the dead	The disciples would have wanted to make it look like Jesus had risen from the dead so that more people would believe in him.
If the Jews/Romans knew where Jesus’ body was, they would have produced it to stop the spread of Christianity	People do not rise from the dead.