



Topic: Why do Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah?

Year: 5

Enquiry Questions

- What is a messiah?
- What type of messiah were the Jewish people expecting?
- Is Jesus the Messiah?
- How do Christians celebrate Jesus' incarnation?
- What is the true meaning of Christmas?
- Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah?

Key Vocabulary

Messiah	The promised deliverer of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew Bible.
Saviour	A person who saves someone or something from danger or difficulty.
Incarnation	The embodiment of God the Son in human flesh as Jesus Christ.
Gospel	The record of Christ's life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament.
Prophecy	A prediction of what will happen in the future.
Old Testament	The first part of the Christian Bible, comprising thirty-nine books and corresponding approximately to the Hebrew Bible.
New Testament	The second part of the Christian Bible, written originally in Greek and recording the life and teachings of Christ and his earliest followers.

Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah

Key Information

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.

Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal, and that this means God is worth worshipping.

Christians believe God is both holy and loving, and Christians have to balance ideas of God being angered by sin and injustice but also loving, forgiving, and full of grace.

Christians do not all agree about what God is like, but try to follow his path, as they see it in the Bible or through Church teaching.

Christians believe getting to know God is like getting to know a person rather than learning information.

Christians believe God loves people so much that Jesus was born, lived, was crucified and rose again to show God's love.

Retrieval Quiz

- 1) What religion did Jesus follow?
- 2) What is a prophecy?
- 3) Who do Christians believe is the Messiah?
- 4) Why did they need a Messiah?
- 5) What do Christians believe God is like?
- 6) What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament?
- 7) What does incarnation mean?
- 8) Do Jews believe the Messiah has come?
- 9) According to Christians what does God balance?
- 10) Where does the Messiah fit in the big picture of God's plan?

Useful Websites

[Incarnation \(Christianity\) Facts for Kids | KidzSearch.com](https://www.kidzsearch.com/Incarnation-Christianity-Facts-for-Kids)

[What is the incarnation? and what does Jesus becoming human mean? - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)