

JESUS

Jesus was born about 2,000 years ago in a town called Bethlehem just outside Jerusalem. He lived in Nazareth with his mother Mary, his father Joseph (until he died) working with Joseph as a carpenter. The last 2 years of Jesus' life began with him being baptised by his cousin John and as he was baptised a voice from heaven said "you are my own dear Son" and the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus. During his last 2 years Jesus travelled around with 12 followers called DISCIPLES teaching people about God using PARABLES and performing MIRACLES. Jesus was CRUCIFIED on GOOD FRIDAY and Christians believe he was RESURRECTED 3 days later. Jesus appeared to his disciples and other followers but after 40 days he ASCENDED into heaven. Jesus is the founder of the Christian Church which began 10 days after the ASCENSION at PENTECOST as the remaining disciples met together and "the HOLY SPIRIT descended on them like tongues of fire" They become APOSTLES, people who go out and tell others about Jesus.

YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The 4 things about Jesus you need to know are :-
- The INCARNATION (Jesus becomes man, in real flesh)
- The CRUCIFIXION, DEATH of JESUS on the cross.
- The RESURRECTION of Jesus (coming back to life)
- The ASCENSION of Jesus into HEAVEN

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JESUS' INCARNATION

The INCARNATION of Jesus means God made flesh, God in human form. Mary, his mother became pregnant not in the usual way but by the power of the Holy Spirit as she was told by the angel Gabriel the only Son of God as John puts it in his Gospel "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth " Evidence for this divinity of Jesus is found in the miracles associated with him such as the virgin birth, the voice of God at Jesus' baptism, his miracles, and his resurrection.

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION

Jesus was found guilty by the Jewish court of BLASPHEMY showing a lack of respect for God by saying he could forgive sins. His followers also claimed he was the MESSIAH an Anointed One promised by God in the OLD TESTAMENT who was to be for the Jews. It was the Romans who actually crucified Jesus, a horrible death which serve to show Jesus was truly Human as well as truly God as he suffered. It also shows that God understands human suffering.



SALVATION AND ATONEMENT

Christians believe that Jesus' death is an act of ATONEMENT healing the rift between God and mankind following the FALL when Adam and Eve ate the apple which introduced SIN into the world. This act of atonement Christians believe means that mankind is now born without ORIGINAL SIN, but it is the sins man commits in their everyday life that separates them from God. God sent Jesus to earth to repair their broken relationship offering them SALVATION so they can live with God in Heaven after death. Jesus is seen as a sacrifice like those in the Old Testament, and this is referred to in the service of HOLY COMMUNION. "This is my blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins "

RESURRECTION

Christians believe that Jesus came back to life after his death by CRUCIFIXION he was RESURRECTED. This is an essential part of Christian belief the greatest miracle. Saint Paul writing only a few years later said "If Christ has not been raised then our preaching is useless and so is your faith" I Corinthians Ch15. All the Gospels agree that on the Sunday after Jesus' crucifixion some followers of Jesus went to his tomb found the stone rolled away from the entrance and Jesus gone. Jesus appeared to the 11 disciples left after Judas hung himself and also to other people. St Paul also wrote "Christ died for our sins....was buried and was raised on the third day according to scriptures" 1 Corinthians Ch15

THE ASCENSION

After appearing to his disciples and many other people Jesus was then taken up into heaven in an event called the ASCENSION. Some Christians see this as a physical event and others as a metaphor to explain Jesus' earthly time as a human was over. Jesus' spirit the Holy Spirit remained at work in the world..