

Understanding Christianity Incarnation | RE | Years 5 & 6 | 2019-20

Key Question

Was Jesus the Messiah?

Key Concepts

The Messiah Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah (the Saviour sent by God). The idea of the Messiah is important in Jewish culture, and was central to Jewish belief in the years that Jesus lived and taught; they hoped for a saviour who would vanquish their enemies and restore them to their homeland to live in peace under their own laws

Prophecy Written by prophets, prophecies were seen by Jewish people of Jesus's time as evidence that God really did still care about them, that he had promised to come to their aid, and would fulfil his promise.

Incarnation The prophecies in Isaiah tell of a baby who would be called 'God with us'. This foretells the idea (which Christians believe) that Jesus is actually God incarnate (i.e. in human form).

Key People

Jesus Christ The Messiah, The 'anointed one', God incarnate

Matthew Disciple of Jesus and author of one of the Gospels of the New Testament

God's People Jewish people in exile from Egypt in Jesus's time

Isaiah An important prophet of the Old Testament who prophesied about the coming of a Messiah

Micah An important prophet of the Old Testament who prophesied about the coming of a Messiah

King David A descendent of Abraham (ultimately of Adam) who became King of Israel after defeating Goliath (in the Old Testament)

Key Vocabulary

1	Messiah	A saviour sent by God to the aid of His people
2	Prophet	Someone who prophesises. Often an outsider, making pronouncements and judgements about how the Jews were living
3	Prophecy	Foretelling of the future
4	Incarnation	God in human form
5	Immanuel	Means 'God with us'
7	The Gospels	Eye-witness accounts of the people who lived and spoke with Jesus
8	Advent	The period of expectation for the arrival of an important person (Jesus). Celebrated by Christians as the first season of the church year, leading up Christmas and the preceding four Sundays

Key Bible Passages

Isaiah 7: 14	Prophesises about the coming of the Messiah
Isaiah 9: 6-7	Prophesises about the coming of the Messiah
Isaiah 11: 1-5	Prophesises about the coming of the Messiah
Micah 5: 2	Prophesises about the coming of the Messiah
Matthew 1 & 2	Tell of the birth of Jesus and arrival of the Magi (Wise men). Evidence for Jesus being considered to be the Messiah.