

Key Question

What did Jesus do to save human beings?

Key Concepts

Sacrifice and atonement	Jesus's death was a sacrifice; he gave his life for others as a punishment for their sin. In this way, Christians believe Jesus died to save people – to rescue them from their sins and to bring them back to God.
Stations of the cross	The 14 incidents that tell the series of events on Good Friday, leading up to Jesus's crucifixion.
Holy Communion / Eucharist	A religious ceremony by which Christians remember Jesus's sacrifice, death and resurrection. The bread and wine symbolise Jesus's body and blood (as per the Last Supper).

Key People

Jesus	King of the Jews
Pontius Pilate	Roman governor of Judaea (under the emperor Tiberius who presided at the trial of Jesus and gave the order for his crucifixion.
Judas Iscariot	One of Jesus's twelve disciples who betrayed Jesus to the Sanhedrin in the Garden of Gethsemane.
The Sanhedrin	Assemblies of elders (Jewish courts) appointed to sit as a tribunal in every city in the ancient Land of Israel.
Peter	A Jewish fisherman who was called to be one of Jesus's twelve disciples; the first leader of the early church. After Jesus's arrest, he denied him three times.
Barabbas	A prisoner who was chosen by the crowd, over Jesus, to be released by Pilate in a customary pardon before the feast of Passover.

Key Vocabulary

1	Sin	An immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law.
2	Forgiveness	The act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for an offence, flaw or mistake.
3	Sacrifice	To give up something valued for the sake of other considerations.
4	Atonement	The action of making amends for a wrong; the reconciliation of God and mankind through Jesus Christ.
5	Crucifixion	An ancient form of execution in which a person was nailed or bound to a cross.
7	Resurrection	Restore to life; the rising of Christ from the dead.

Key Bible Passages (Gospels)

Mark 14	The plot to kill Jesus, the last supper, His predictions of betrayal and Peter's three denials of him.
Mark 15	The bringing of Jesus to Pilate by the Jews, His mockery by the soldiers, His crucifixion and death, and His burial.
Luke 23	The trial of Jesus before Pilate, and His crucifixion, death and burial.
John 19	Describes the crucifixion of Jesus.