

Understanding Christianity | Gospel | RE | Years 5 & 6 | 2022-23

Key Question

What would Jesus do?

Key Concepts

The Gospel	Texts that proclaim Jesus's good news; they offer accounts of Jesus's life, journeys and dealings with his disciples, followers and opponents.
Context	The Gospels were written in the context of that time meaning the text needs to be studied to understand their meaning; for this reason, Christians today can interpret biblical texts differently.
Features	The Gospels take many different forms including features such as teachings, parables and narrative accounts.
Religious Testimony	The Gospels were written by the Christian community and therefore are best described as religious testimony. This does not mean they are fiction, but neither are they objective historical accounts.
Christians today	Christians believe that they should bring this good news to life in the world in different ways within their church family, in their personal lives, with family, with their neighbours, in the local, national and global community.

Key People

Jesus	God incarnate. Often referred to in the Gospel as 'Rabbi', meaning 'teacher.'
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John	Disciples of Jesus and authors of the Gospel. The Gospels are eye-witness accounts of the people who lived and spoke with Jesus.

Key Vocabulary

Christian	A disciple or follower of Jesus
Disciple	Literally means 'learner'
Discipleship	Becoming more like Jesus; through the power of the Holy Spirit e.g. by putting Jesus first, reading the Bible, loving God and other people
Gentiles	Non-Jewish people
Parable	A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
Generous	Showing a readiness to give more of something
Foundation	An underlying basis or principle

Key Bible Passages

Matthew 7: 24 – 27	Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders – foundations matter. Those who follow what Jesus said have built firm foundations.
Matthew 5 – 7	The Sermon on the Mount. Jesus's teachings about how to live. Combines spiritual ideas with ethical practice.
Luke 7: 1 – 10	An example of a healing story (miracle) which demonstrates how Jesus's ministry is very inclusive; those usually marginalised or excluded are beneficiaries of Jesus's generosity.