

Knowledge Organiser: Picturing Jesus

Key Words

God Incarnate: God in a bodily (human) form of Jesus.

The Messiah: Jesus regarded by Christians as the Saviour (rescuer) of human kind.

The Light: Jesus as a spiritual light, representing good and the truth.

Salvation: freeing people from their sins or suffering

Miracle-worker: Jesus performed things that was impossible for anyone else

King of Kings: Only Jesus will reign supreme as King and Lord of all the earth

Sacrifice: Jesus gave his life to pay for the sins of mankind.

Sin: Going against God's commands about what is right.

Resurrection: Jesus coming back to life after his crucifixion.

Symbol: Something that stands for or represents something else.

Religion, Art and Symbolism

Christian art has had a long tradition of representing the life and nature (personality) of Jesus, who is believed to be the **Son of God**. Images of Jesus can tell the story of some of the most significant events in Jesus' life such as his BIRTH or CRUCIFIXION, or may attempt to show his **sacred and compassionate nature**.

Other religions also make use of art as part of their religion and worship. In BUDDHISM **mandalas** are used as a spiritual symbol that represents the Universe. Mandalas are usually perfectly symmetrical and can be used to focus attention as an **aid to meditation** and finding a sacred space.

As MUSLIMS cannot use images to represent Allah and their Prophet, they make use of **geometric designs** that are aimed to invite believers to reflect upon the **greatness of creation**. The unending repetition of the designs represents God's infinite (unlimited) na-

The Life of Jesus (Key Events)

Mary is told by the angel Gabriel that she is going to have a **very special baby**.

Baby Jesus is born in Bethlehem and placed in a manger as there is no room at the inn.

When Jesus grew up he was **BAPTISED** in the River Jordan by John the Baptist.

Jesus spent 40 days alone in the desert but did **not give in to evil** as he chose to follow God and do good.

Jesus became a **MORAL LEADER** and people loved to listen to Jesus' stories and crowds would come to hear his parables.

One day a crowd of 5000 people came to listen and Jesus fed them all bread and fish. **It was a miracle**.

Not everyone liked Jesus. One day he threw the bankers out of the temple which **made him unpopular** with the Jewish leaders.

Jesus knew he had enemies and wanted one last meal with his closest friends, the Disciples. This became known as **THE LAST SUPPER**. **Jesus shared bread and wine with them**.

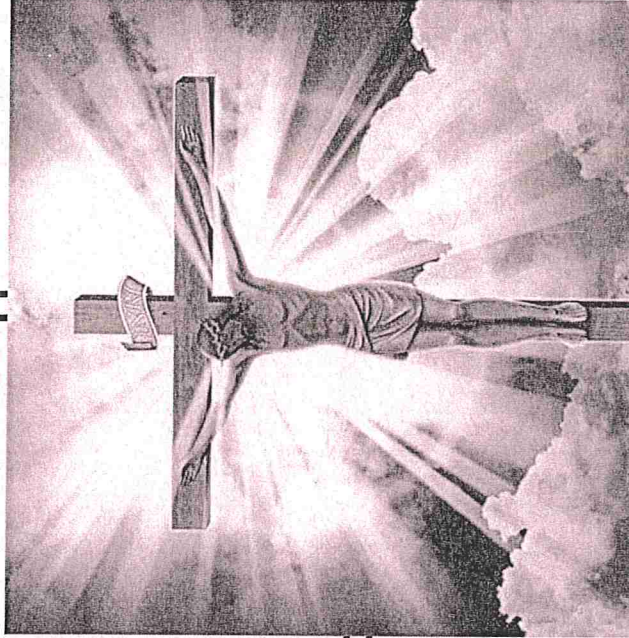
Jesus was put on trial and accused of speaking against God (blasphemy). The Roman Governor found Jesus guilty and said that **Jesus should be crucified**.

Roman soldiers made Jesus carry his own cross through the streets and put a **crown of thorns** on his head. This was because Jesus had called himself the **KING OF THE JEWS**.

Jesus was **crucified** next to two criminals at a place called Skull Hill. **Jesus forgave those who had found him guilty** and the criminal next to him who asked for forgiveness.

Jesus died and his body was taken to a cave tomb and sealed with stone, ready to be properly buried after the Sabbath.

When people went to the tomb to prepare the body for burial, **the tomb was found empty!** A week after his death, Thomas saw Jesus and they knew he was alive again and had been **RESURRECTED**.



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