

# Jesus: Why is Jesus an inspirational leader for some people?

## Key Questions:

Who do you find inspirational and why?

Who did Jesus say he was? What do we know about Jesus' life story?

What did Jesus teach? What do Jesus' miracles show about him?

Why do Christians think Jesus is an inspiration?

Do you know any other names for Jesus of Nazareth?

Why are Christians called Christians?

Why is the religion called Christianity?



Jesus Christ  
Son of God  
The Good Shepherd  
Lamb of God  
Light of the World  
Bread of Life

The words 'Christian' and 'Christianity' came from the name, Jesus **Christ**.

Who was Jesus?

Christians believe Jesus was fully human.

Why is this important to Christians?

Jesus being fully human meant he lived a life being vulnerable as other humans do and felt pain in the same way as other humans.

Jesus was crucified and died on the cross.  
Jesus rose from the dead on the third day.

As Jesus was fully human, his torture before his death would have caused him pain. This is significant for Christians because Jesus' suffering is what they believe frees them from sin  
- he took the burden of their sin.

Which Christian festival celebrates the death and resurrection of Jesus?

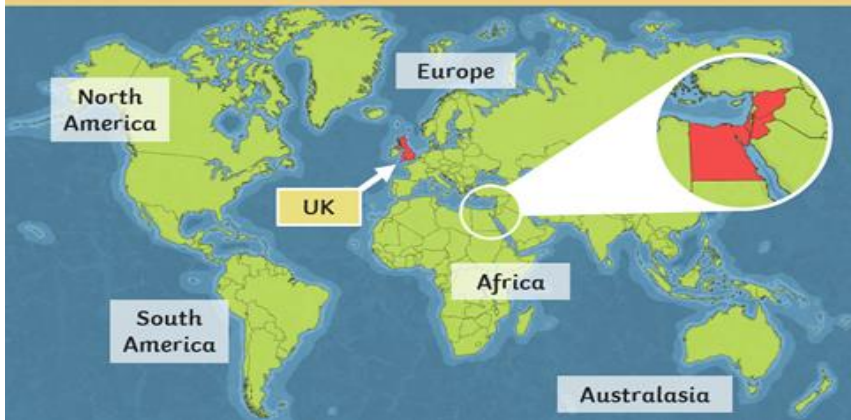


## Who was Jesus?

When Jesus was around 30 years old, he started **teaching** large groups of people and performing **miracles**. He was baptised in the Jordan River by the prophet known as **John the Baptist**.

For about three years, Jesus travelled with 12 appointed **disciples** (also known as the 12 apostles). Some of the most well-known miraculous events or '**miracles**' included raising a dead man named Lazarus from the grave, walking on water and curing the blind. Jesus was put to death by **crucifixion** when he was 33 years old.

Where in the world is Middle East?



## Key Vocabulary and ideas

<b>Easter</b>	The festival to reflect on Jesus' death
<b>Christmas</b>	A festival that celebrates Jesus' birth
<b>Holy Week</b>	8 days to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. It starts with Palm Sunday through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on Easter Sunday with His resurrection.
<b>Bible</b>	The Christian holy book
<b>The New Testament</b>	First part of bible which contains the story of Jesus

## Beliefs



Christians believe in one God.

However, Christians believe that God is 3 separate but constant persons:



Father



Son



Holy Spirit

Christians believe that God is **Father**, **Son** and **Holy Spirit** quite separately but all at the same time. This is called the **Trinity**. To some people this can be quite a confusing idea.

Christians believe:

That God made the world

That God gave the Ten Commandments for people to live by

That Jesus is the Son of God

That Jesus was sent to save people from their sins

That Jesus was the Messiah who had been promised in the Old Testament

In the 'Trinity'



## Key vocabulary and ideas

<b>Incarnation</b>	a person who embodies in the flesh a deity, spirit, or quality.
<b>Jew</b>	Those related to birth in Israel
<b>rabbi</b>	Jewish religious leader
<b>parable</b>	Story used to teach
<b>miracle</b>	extraordinary event that cannot be explained
<b>Resurrection</b>	The raising of Jesus from the dead