

Aspirational Vocabulary

Term	Definition
Incarnation	The Christian belief that God became human in the person of Jesus Christ.
Messiah	A saviour or chosen one sent by God. Christians believe Jesus is the Messiah.
Miracle	An event that seems to go against the laws of nature and is believed to be caused by God.
Disciple	A follower or student of a teacher – especially used for the followers of Jesus.
Crucifixion	A Roman method of execution where the person is nailed to a cross; Jesus was crucified.
Resurrection	The Christian belief that Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion.
Commandment	A rule given by God; in Christianity, there are Ten Commandments and teachings from Jesus.
Son of God	A title used for Jesus, expressing his divine nature.
Saviour	One who saves others from danger or sin; Christians believe Jesus is the Saviour of the world.
'I am' sayings	Statements made by Jesus in the Gospels that reveal his divine identity (e.g., 'I am the light of the world').

Who was Jesus?

- Jesus was a Jewish teacher born in Bethlehem around 2,000 years ago.
- Christians believe he is the Son of God and the Messiah.
- He taught about love, forgiveness, and the Kingdom of God.

'I am'

- Jesus used phrases beginning with 'I am' to describe himself in the Gospels.
- These include: 'I am the light of the world', 'I am the bread of life', 'I am the good shepherd'.
- These statements link Jesus to God, who called Himself 'I am' in the Old Testament.

The miracles of Jesus

- Jesus performed miracles to show compassion and reveal his divine power.
- Examples include healing the sick, calming storms, feeding thousands, and raising the dead.
- These acts strengthened people's belief in him as the Son of God.

The two greatest commandments

- Jesus taught that the most important commandments are:
 - Love the Lord your God with all your heart.
 - Love your neighbour as yourself.

- These summarise the Ten Commandments and show the importance of love in Christianity.

Crucifixion

- Jesus was arrested, tried, and crucified by the Romans.
- Christians believe he died to save humanity from sin.
- His death is remembered on Good Friday.

Resurrection

- Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion.
- This event is celebrated on Easter Sunday.
- The resurrection is seen as proof of Jesus' divinity and victory over sin and death.

Big Questions

- 1) Why do Christians believe Jesus is the Son of God?
- 2) What do the 'I am' sayings tell us about Jesus?
- 3) What is the purpose of Jesus' miracles?
- 4) How do the two greatest commandments reflect Christian values?
- 5) Why was Jesus crucified?
- 6) What does the resurrection mean to Christians today?

