

# Christianity: Beliefs, Traditions, and Community

*Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of core Christian beliefs, the significance of major festivals, and the impact of faith on a believer's life.*

Read each question carefully. Ensure your answers reflect your knowledge of Christian practices and beliefs. Use the provided word bank to support your responses where necessary.

Christianity is a monotheistic religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. Christians believe in the Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Central to the faith is the belief in the Incarnation, where God took on human form, and the Resurrection, which marks the victory of life over death. Many Christians express their faith through communal worship, reading the Bible, and following the example of Jesus through acts of service and charity.

*Word bank: Incarnation · Trinity · Sacrament · Gospel · Liturgical · Compassion · Resurrection · Pentecost*

## 1. Define the term 'Trinity' and explain why it is a central belief for Christians. (2 marks)

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## 2. Identify two major Christian festivals and briefly explain the significance of each. (2 marks)

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## 3. Explain why the Bible is considered a sacred text within Christianity. What does the word 'Gospel' mean in this context? (2 marks)

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## 4. How might a Christian's belief in 'compassion' influence their daily actions in the community? (3 marks)

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**5. Compare and contrast the importance of private prayer versus communal worship in a church setting. Which do you think has a greater impact on a believer's faith, and why? (4 marks)**

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**6. Justify why many Christians believe that following the teachings of Jesus is more important than simply attending a church service. Refer to the concept of 'living out faith'. (4 marks)**

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**7. Extended Writing Task: 'The symbol of the Cross is the most significant representation of the Christian faith.' Discuss this statement. Consider the history, meaning, and emotional significance for believers. (5 marks) (5 marks)**

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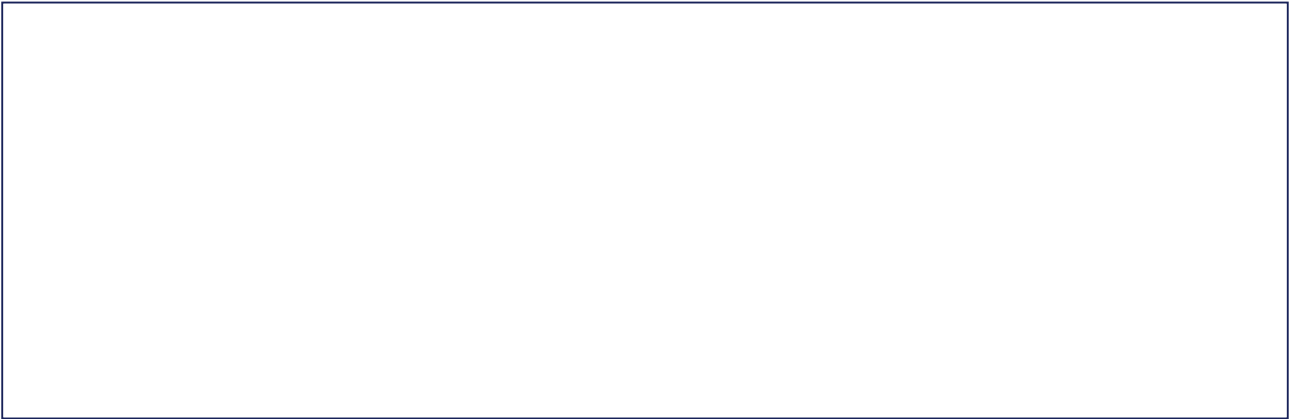
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**Draw:** Draw a symbol that represents one of the core Christian beliefs mentioned in the passage and write a one-sentence caption explaining your choice.



*Extension challenge: Imagine you are interviewing a church leader. Write three high-order questions you would ask them to understand how they balance ancient traditions with the challenges of the modern world. Total: /25*