

Christianity: Foundations and Beliefs

Learning objective: To consolidate knowledge of Christian beliefs, practices, and the significance of the life of Jesus.

Read the front of each flashcard carefully. Try to explain the concept in your own words before checking the answer on the right. For the extension tasks, use your critical thinking skills to provide detailed explanations.

What is the Christian belief in the Trinity?

The belief that there is one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

Define the term 'Incarnation'.

The belief that God became human in the form of Jesus Christ, taking on flesh to live among people.

What does the word 'Gospel' mean?

It means 'Good News'. It refers to the first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) which tell the story of Jesus' life and teachings.

What is a 'parable' and why did Jesus use them?

A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. Jesus used them to make complex teachings easier for his followers to understand and remember.

Explain the significance of the Resurrection.

It is the belief that Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion, demonstrating his victory over death and his divinity.

What is a sacrament?

A sacred Christian ceremony or ritual, such as Baptism or Holy Communion, which is believed to be an outward sign of inward grace.

Define 'Atonement' in Christian theology.

The belief that Jesus' death on the cross reconciled the relationship between God and humanity by paying the price for human sin.

What is the role of the 'Disciples' in the Bible?

They were the twelve closest followers of Jesus who were taught by him and later tasked with spreading his teachings to the world.

What does it mean for Christianity to be a monotheistic religion?

It means the belief in the existence of only one God, who is the creator and sustainer of the universe.

What is the 'Great Commandment'?

Jesus' teaching to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart' and to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

Why is the Crucifixion a central event in Christianity?

It represents the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, which Christians believe was necessary to offer forgiveness and salvation to all people.

Describe the concept of 'Grace'.

The free and unearned favour or love of God, given to humanity regardless of their merit.