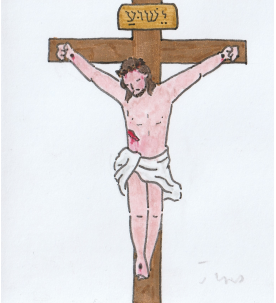


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| <h1>J</h1> | <h1>JESUS</h1> | <p>What's it all about? Jesus, the founder of Christianity and a Prophet of Islam</p> <p>J is for Jesus – obviously, because he is the most famous human ever. He split history into 'BC' and 'AD'. He was a teacher and healer. To Christians, he was recognised as God the Son, one with God the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Holy Trinity. His first followers were Jewish, and decided that Jesus was the Messiah, anointed by God to rescue His people – but other Jewish people disagreed. His crucifixion looked like the end, but his followers believed God raised him from the grave to new life.</p> <p>In Islam, Jesus is known as the Prophet Isa, one of the most significant figures in the religion, but he is not called 'Son of God' – God has no partners in Islamic understanding. And Muslims do not believe he died on the cross either. But they respect him. Every time Muslims mention the Prophet Isa, they add 'Peace and blessings of Allah upon him'</p> |
|  <p>Jesus preached peace, and wasn't interested in kicking the Romans out of Jewish territory.</p> | | |
| <p>Which religions and beliefs?</p> <p>Christianity Judaism Islam</p> <p>Clip available here: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-education-ks3-a-z-of-religion-and-beliefs-j-is-for-jesus/zdgv47h</p> | <p>Key Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who was Jesus? How did it turn out that he has billions of followers and might be the most famous person on the planet? What different views of Jesus do Jewish people, Muslims and Christians hold? How can the claim that Jesus was 'God on Earth' be explained? What supports the claim? Why does Jesus have over 2 billion followers 2000 years after his time? Is it the teaching, the life story, the miracles, the beliefs or what? | <p>Classroom or homework task: Who was Jesus?</p> <p>C.S. Lewis, inventor of Narnia and an arguer for Christianity, said this about Jesus: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic – on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."</p> <p>A. Lots of people today say Jesus was a great moral teacher, but has C.S. Lewis got a point? Write your reply to him in less than 200 words.</p> <p>B. Why do you think Jesus became the most famous person in the world? Suggest at least 4 different ideas.</p> <p>Suggested outcomes: students can...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give an informed account of three different views of who Jesus was – or is. Give reasons for their views about the Christian claim that Jesus is God come to Earth in human form. Consider thoughtfully their own response to the idea that Jesus was 'God on Earth' [incarnation], or that he was a Prophet, or messenger of God, or that he was simply a great moral teacher. |

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In the box below, select your three top reasons to explain Jesus' amazing popularity

What was so remarkable about Jesus? Which three reasons explain why he is the most famous person in human history and has maybe 2.5 billion followers all over the world:
Was it because:

- His birth became the beginning of Christmas
- He did miracles
- He taught people a new way of living with God
- His teaching of love and forgiveness was brilliant
- He was God come to earth to save humanity from evil
- He was killed but came back to life at Easter
- Some other reason.

Firstly...

Secondly...

Finally...

What different views of Jesus do Jewish people, Muslims and Christians hold?

Jesus is painted by many thousands of artists. Try looking at some of these painting from the National Gallery website.
www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/short-tour-life-of-christ
Select three pictures that you think are interesting and copy them into a document. Which stories do they show? What made them interesting art for you?

In the next box, create your own image of Jesus – would you go for a portrait, or a picture inspired by one of his miracles or teachings? A death image? A risen-again image? How could you make yours different from the hundreds of thousands that already exist? (Use a larger canvas if you want to).

My image of Jesus