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R.E: INTRODUCING JESUS

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Overview

-Jesus (also known as Jesus Christ or Jesus of Nazareth) was a preacher and religious leader.

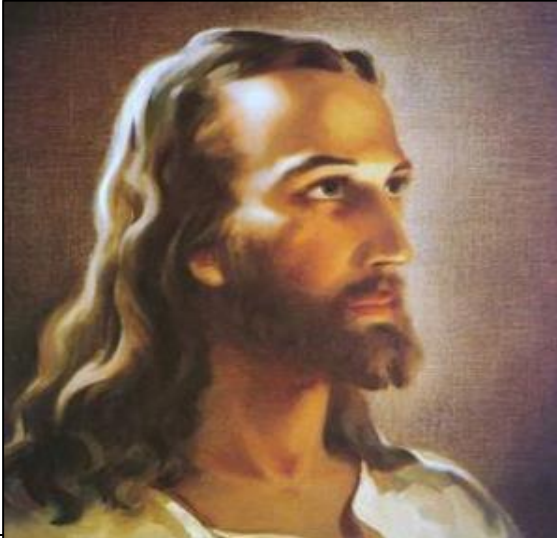
-He is the central figure of Christianity. Jesus was born a Jew, but went on to begin Christianity.

-Most Christians believe that he is God the Son in human form. He is also thought of as the Messiah.

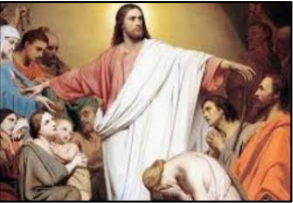
-His birth, actions, teaching, death and resurrection are extremely important for Christians.

-Jesus influenced many of his followers whilst alive, and continues to influence many people today.

Head of Christ by Walter Sallman, 1940.



The Importance of Jesus



Information about his Life

-Almost all scholars agree that Jesus existed historically, and that he was a Galilean (a person from Galilee, a region of Israel).

-There is also evidence that he was baptised by John the Baptist.

-He is known to have been a preacher, who told his message of God to others, and attracted many followers.

-Jesus was crucified (executed on a cross) by order of Pontius Pilate, a Roman governor leading in the area. After his death, his followers began the Christian faith.

Christian Beliefs


-Christians believe that Jesus was conceived (created) by the Holy Spirit and was born to a virgin named Mary.

-They also believe that he performed miracles, for example healing the sick and creating food and drink for those in need.

-Christians believe that Jesus died to save humans, who had committed many sins. After being crucified, he was resurrected (raised from the dead) before rising to heaven.

-Jesus' main message was that people should love – love God and love each other.

-Many Christians devote their lives to good causes in the same way as Jesus did.



The Baptism of Jesus


Jesus' Early Life


-Except for the story of his birth, very little is known about the early life of Jesus.

-Most of the accounts of his life then jump 30 years to the time at which he was baptised by John the Baptist.

-It is thought that Jesus grew up around the town of Nazareth, raised by Mary and Joseph, alongside his brothers and sisters.

-It is likely that Jesus would have learnt his fathers' trade as a carpenter/ builder before leaving home.






John the Baptist

-It is thought that Jesus and John the Baptist knew one another when young.

-When John and Jesus were aged about 30, John began preaching about 'turning away from sins' and being baptised.

-He attracted large crowds.

Jesus' Baptism



-Jesus came to John at the River Jordan to be baptised.

-John was hesitant to baptise someone as special as Jesus.

-At the moment of his baptism, the heavens opened, a light beamed on Jesus, and God spoke to him. Jesus realised his mission.

Key Vocabulary

Jesus

Christ

Messiah

Influence

Communities

Resurrection

Beliefs

Symbolism

Disciples

Duties

Choices

Sacrifice

Morality

The Twelve Disciples

-After spending time in the desert reflecting on the events of his baptism, Jesus returned to Galilee and preached the good news of God. He began to choose his disciples.

-The first four disciples were fisherman: Simon, Andrew, James and John.


-Simon became known as Peter – a name that Jesus gave him.

-The next disciples chosen was a tax collector named Matthew, also known as Levi.

-The other disciples were: Phillip, Bartholomew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the patriot), Judas (son of James), and Judas Iscariot (this is the Judas who became the traitor).

-All of the disciples immediately followed Jesus when he asked.

-Jesus sent the disciples around villages to share God's message.



Personal Spirituality – Key Questions

Which people are important in your own life?	Why are they important?	Who influences you in your life?	What makes them special?	Which communities do you belong to?	How do your communities make you feel?	What things do you believe? Why?	What are some difficult choices that you make in your life?	What does sacrifice mean to you?
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