

## Was Jesus the Messiah?

### KEY FACTS

- Jesus was Jewish.
- Christians believe that Jesus is God in the flesh.
- They believe that his birth, life, death and resurrection were part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.
- The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' - a Messiah. The Jewish people hoped this Messiah would vanquish their enemies (Romans) from their homeland and restore peace.
- Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations and that he is the Messiah.
- Jewish people believe the Messiah has not yet come.
- Christians see Jesus as their saviour.



### Further Reading

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j>

<https://kids.kiddle.co/Jesus>

### KEY VOCABULARY

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| <b>Messiah</b> - A leader regarded as the saviour (rescuer) of a particular country, group, or cause.   |
| <b>Jesus</b> - Christians believe he was the son of God.  |
| <b>Jewish</b> - The name given to the people originating from the historical countries of Israel and Judah.   |
| <b>Incarnation</b> - 'the act of being made flesh'. For Christians we are talking about God taking human form as Jesus.                                       |
| <b>Israel</b> - A country that the Jewish people lived in at the time of Jesus.   |
| <b>Romans</b> - The occupying force in Israel at the time Jesus was born.   |
| <b>Old Testament</b> - The first part of the Christian Bible (containing thirty-nine books) and the Hebrew Bible  |
| <b>Christian</b> - A person who follows or belongs to a religion based on the worship of one God and the teachings of Jesus Christ as described in the Bible. |
| <b>Judaism</b> - A religion developed among the ancient Hebrews and characterised by belief in one God.   |

### You might like to...

- Investigate the Christian and Jewish religions.
- Read some of the bible stories from the Old Testament.
- Research what the Bible says Jesus did.

## QUESTIONS TO DEEPEN YOUR LEARNING

| Character  | Critical Thinking                 | Creativity               | Communication                          | Citizenship                             | Collaboration                            |
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| Which parts of this do I need to try harder to understand? | Why do I need to know about this? | What am I curious about? | How could I present what I understand? | How could this information help people? | What can I learn from others about this? |