



Unit U2.5 What do Christians believe Jesus did to save people?



Enquiry Questions

- How does the concept of Salvation fit into the timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'?
- How do Christians interpret the resurrection accounts?
- What are the connections between Luke 24 and the Christian concepts of Sacrifice, Resurrection, Salvation, Incarnation and Hope?
- What are the connections between Christian belief in the Resurrection and how Christians worship on Good Friday and Easter Sunday?
- How might belief in the Resurrection make people respond differently to challenges and problems in the world today?

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God.

The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. The New Testament says that Jesus' death was somehow 'for us'.

Christians interpret this in a variety of ways: for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as a victory over sin, death and the devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God; leading from darkness to light, from slavery to freedom.

Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through the service of Holy Communion (also called the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the Mass).

Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end. This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (heaven).

Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs to the needs of others, and some are prepared to die for others and for their faith.

Key Vocabulary

Christianity, Christian, belief, God, Jesus, incarnation, salvation, Easter, death, resurrection, sacrifice, victory, Eucharist