



## Unit U2.3 Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?



### Enquiry Questions

- How does the concept of Incarnation fit into the timeline of the Bible's 'Big Story'?
- What do prophecy texts and the Gospels tell us about the Messiah and Incarnation?
- How do Christians put their beliefs about Incarnation into practice in different ways when celebrating Christmas?
- How does the idea that Jesus is the Messiah make sense in the wider story of the Bible?
- How is the idea of Jesus as the Messiah, a Saviour from God, important in the world today and what difference might it make in people's lives?

### What will I know by the end of the unit?

Jesus was Jewish.

Christians believe 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 relationships between humans and God.

The Old Testament talks about a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one' – a messiah. Some texts talk about what this 'messiah' would be like.

Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled these expectations and that he is the Messiah. Jewish people do not think that Jesus is the Messiah.

Christians see Jesus as their Saviour.

### Key Vocabulary

Christianity, Christian, belief, God, Jesus, Christmas, incarnation, festival, celebrate, resurrection, saviour, anointed, Messiah, bible, prophecy, Gospel, expectation