



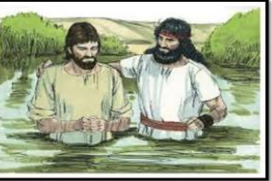
Religious Studies Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 8
Topic: The Life of Jesus
Half Term: Spring One

Key Terms

Holy Trinity	A Christian belief where one God is represented three ways.
Messiah	"Anointed one" Someone who was chosen to save humankind.
Essenes	A group of Jewish people who lived simple, strict lives and helped people.
Sadducees	A group of Jewish people who were rich and powerful. They cooperated with the Romans.
Pharisees	A group of Jewish people who stuck to all 613 Jewish laws. They generally told people how to behave.
Temptation	The desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.
Radical	Changing the fundamental nature of something.
Pacifism	The belief that violence is wrong.
Disciples	A follower of Jesus who helped him in his work.

Christians believe that Jesus was the son of God and part of the Holy Trinity. They believe that he was sent to Earth in human form to save humanity as a messiah. It was said that their messiah would be a leader who would unite the Jewish people and heal the sick. Jewish people were also expecting a messiah, however Jesus was not what many of them were expecting, and Jesus clashed with Jewish leaders.



John was Jesus's cousin. He travelled telling people about God and baptising them to give them a fresh start. He lived a very simple life and believed that God was all he needed. People would travel to hear John speak about God and to learn from him. Jesus asked John to baptise him. John didn't want to at first, he said that Jesus was too important. However, Jesus insisted and went on to tell his followers how important baptism is.

Christians believe that after he was baptised, the Holy Spirit led Jesus in to the desert where he was tempted by the devil for 40 days and 40 nights. Jesus was hungry and the devil tempted him to turn rocks in to food and to prove that he was truly the son of God. Jesus refused though, and resisted temptation.



Many people believe that Jesus was radical in his beliefs, and he was disliked by many. For example, he encouraged Mary Magdalene to teach, something unheard of for a woman during this time. He also believed in pacifism and mercy. Jesus knew that his task would be dangerous, so he enlisted the help of 12 disciples, followers to help spread his message.

Religious Teachings

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

+ Praise be to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His mercy he has given us new birth in to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Suggested Reading

- The Quality of Silence** by Rosamund Lupton

