

Year 8: Spring 1 The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ

Key Terms		Key Concepts
Agape love	Selfless love for fellow human beings	Agape love – Jesus’ teachings of selfless love for fellow humans . Jesus taught that everyone deserves to be loved, no matter what they have done. He taught this through the parable of ‘The Good Samaritan’.
Parable	A story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.	Situation ethics – at some points in a Christian’s life they may face an ethical dilemma where there is no clear teaching in the Bible for them to follow. Situation Ethicists say that the only rule that should be followed is: <i>in any situation do the most loving action</i> . If you apply this to individual situations you will be able to decide what the best course of action is. Jesus taught love above all else therefore this is the best way to make ethical decisions, according to Situation Ethicists.
Ethical dilemma	A situation in which there is a choice to be made between different options and none of the options resolves the situation in a ideal way.	
Conscience	The voice inside your head that guides you. Christians believe this is the voice of God.	The local church – the local church provides many services for it’s local community or parish. For example, they offer a space to bring people together, provides spiritual services to the sick, offer moral guidance and offer counselling services amongst other things. These are all activities that demonstrate Jesus’ teachings of selfless love.
Parish	The local area served by a church	The Worldwide Church – the worldwide church provides services to Christians all over the world. They provide many of the same services that the local church does, but they do this on a much bigger scale than just the local parish. They also try to bring these services to people who have no other way of receiving these services.
Persecution	The purposeful ill-treatment of an individual or group of people base don a particular feature, e.g. race or religion	Charity work – Many Christians believe that they should do charity work as it puts Jesus’ teachings of love into practice. Christian Aid are an example of a charity who hold their Christian values to be of the utmost importance. They are against poverty and injustice and support equality and peace and try to work for a fairer world.
Poverty	The state of being extremely poor.	<h2 style="color: #4F81BD;">The Parable of the Good Samaritan</h2> <p>A traveller is stripped of clothing, beaten, and left half dead alongside the road. First a priest and then a Levite (Jewish man) comes by, but both avoid the man. Finally, a Samaritan happens upon the traveller. Samaritans and Jews despised each other, but the Samaritan helps the injured man. Jesus is described as telling the parable in response to the question from a lawyer, "And who is my neighbour?". In response, Jesus tells the parable, the conclusion of which is that the neighbour figure in the parable is the man who shows mercy to the injured man—that is, the Samaritan.</p>
Injustice	A lack of fairness or justice	
Equality	the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.	
Peace	A state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended.	

Useful Quotations

“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?” (1 John 3:17)	
“... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” Matthew 25:40	
“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that” Martin Luther King	
“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;” Matthew, 5:44	
"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." John 15:12	“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ” Matthew 22:39

Year 8: Spring 2 The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ

Key Terms		Key Concepts
Incarnation	literally 'God made flesh'. The belief that Jesus was fully God and fully human.	<p>The Incarnation - Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and came down to Earth in human form. Jesus came to this world to build a relationship with humans. It shows God loves the world and everyone in it. Christians believe that Jesus understands humans and our problems – he can sympathise with us and understand our suffering</p> <p>The last days of Jesus' life - Key events include, the last supper, betrayal, arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. They teach of Jesus's last actions and of Gods power and plan for humanity. They also show Jesus as a role model for others. Christians follow Jesus's examples in life and death – he taught them how to have a relationship with God through love and worship.</p> <p>Crucifixion – the method by which Jesus was executed. Jesus was executed for the crime of blasphemy because the Jewish high priests did not believe he was the Messiah. He was found guilty by the Sanhedrin (Jewish council) and the execution was carried out by the Romans, who rules Israel at that time. Christians believe that Jesus had to die in order for Christians to achieve salvation.</p> <p>Salvation - Salvation is the belief that Jesus died for all of humanity's sins. It means everything Jesus taught is true. Humans sins are forgiven – people can have a true relationship with God. It shows there is an afterlife – heaven. Christians believe that Jesus's death allows them to have eternal life – but they must also live a good life. Christians have a duty to follow Jesus's example and live a good life to get into heaven.</p> <p>Resurrection – before Jesus died he promised his disciples that he would rise form the dead after three days. God recreates a new body in heaven. This is proof for Christians that Jesus was fully God as it was his final miracle. It also serves as proof of the afterlife as Jesus was in heaven for those three days and when he returned he told his disciples all about heaven.</p>
Ascension	when Jesus was taken up to heaven	
Betrayal	breaking your allegiance or friendship with someone with a particular act or disloyalty.	
Arrest	seize someone by legal authority and take them into custody.	
Atonement	Jesus restored the relationship between humans and God – 'at-one-ment'.	
Blasphemy	the act of insulting or showing contempt (hate) or lack of respect to God.	
Sanhedrin	Jesus council made up of high priests.	
Repentance	being sorry for your sins	
Messiah	a leader regarded as the saviour	

Useful Quotations

"The Word [Jesus] became flesh and made his dwelling among us" Matthew 1:23 – **The Incarnation**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 – **The Incarnation and Salvation**

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" Acts 4:12 - **Salvation**

" Christ died for our sins . . . That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day" 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – **Salvation and Resurrection**

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6 – **The Resurrection**