



Year: 5

Term: Spring 2

Salvation: 2b.6 What do Christians believe that Jesus did to save human beings?

Prior Knowledge

Pupils will have retold the Easter Story. (EYFS/Y1,2,3 Spring 2)

They will have begun to explore that Easter means *new life* and that this story gives hope to Christians. (Y1 Spring 2)

They will have begun to express their own thoughts and feelings on the main aspects of the Easter Story (Y1,2,3 Spring 2) and will have discussed how Easter helped build a bridge between God and humans (Y2 Spring 2)

Pupils will have looked in depth at Good Friday and Easter Sunday (Year 3, Spring 2) and the Last Supper (Y4, Spring 2).

Key Knowledge

- Children should already know the key events of Holy Week and understand that they were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to Earth to do (Mark 13-14):
 - The entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
 - The Last Supper (Maundy Thursday)
 - Jesus Washing the disciples feet (Maundy Thursday)
 - Jesus' betrayal and arrest at the Mount of Olives
 - Jesus' trial
 - Jesus' crucifixion (Good Friday)
 - The empty tomb (Easter Sunday)
 - Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the disciples (Jesus rose from the dead)
- 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 (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- Christians interpret Jesus' death 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. See Isaiah 53 and John 19. They believe that because Jesus died, when God looks at them, he sees the perfection of Jesus.
- Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through the service of Holy Communion (also called the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the Mass). 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 (to become a martyr). The commands that Jesus left Christians with to 'Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbour as yourself' (Matthew 22:37-39) are paramount in what Christians today see as being important and encompass the theme of sacrifice. Do they believe sacrifice to be needed? What would they sacrifice something for?
- Christian, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr said: 'If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live'. He lost his life whilst advocating for black civil rights in the USA in 1968.
- In 2 Corinthians 4:16-17, after listing all the terrible suffering he has experienced, Paul says that it is all worth it because of heaven — suffering is temporary but heaven is eternal.

Key Enquiry Lines

- **To understand that Christians believe that Jesus' death was a sacrifice for/victory over sin, death and the devil and that Jesus paid the punishment for everyone's sin and leads people back to God.**
- **To understand that Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs for the needs of others – some even to the point of death for others or for their faith.**

Key Question

What do Christians believe that Jesus did to save human beings?

Key Vocabulary

Salvation, Saviour, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Incarnation, Sacrifice, martyr