

Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?

Messiah

The promised saviour/rescuer.

prophecy

A forecast of what will happen in the future.

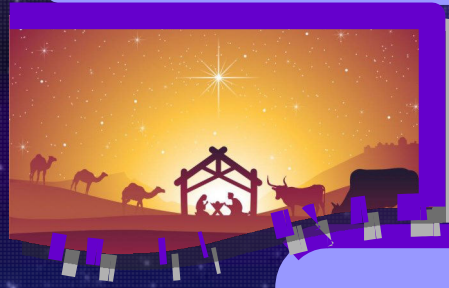
prophet

A person who foretells the future.

incarnation

God in human form;
God in the flesh.

Christians believe Jesus is God in the flesh.



Jesus was a Jew. He was born in Bethlehem.

The Old Testament tells of a 'rescuer' or 'anointed one'.

Christians believe that Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection are part of a longer plan by God to restore the relationship between humans and God.

Christians believe that Jesus fulfilled the rescue plans and was the Messiah.

Jews do not believe that Jesus was the Messiah.

Christians see Jesus as their Saviour.



Outcomes

- Explain the place of incarnation and the Messiah in the 'Big Story' of the Bible.
- Identify Gospel and Prophecy texts using technical terms.
- Explain connections between biblical texts.
- Show how Christians put their beliefs about Jesus' incarnation into practice.
- Comment on how the idea of the Messiah makes sense in the wider story of the Bible.
- How important is the idea of Jesus as a Messiah? What difference could this make today?