

Subject: RE Topic: Incarnation – Was Jesus the Messiah?

Year Group: 5

What I should already know:

- Identify John 1 as part of a 'Gospel', noting some differences between John and the other Gospels
- Offer suggestions for what texts about God might mean.
- Give examples of what the texts studied mean to some Christians.
- Describe how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in the way they live.
- Make links between some of the texts and teachings about God in the Bible and what people believe about God in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly

Vocabulary:

Incarnation – God revealed as man on Earth
Messiah- 'anointed one' – the title given to a saviour who has been chosen to bring salvation to mankind
Anointed – ceremonially given divine office or holy office eg Samuel anointed the king – Jesus was anointed by God through His baptism (link to Year 3 Incarnation)
Babylon- capital city of Babylonian Empire (modern day Iraq)

What I will 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 relationship 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 Jesus is the Messiah.)
- Christians see Jesus as their Saviour (See Salvation).



- The People of God were taken into exile in Babylon in 586BCE
- They return after about 50 years, but their Promised Land is still occupied by foreign forces
- They begin to have a New Hope – God will rescue them!
- He will send a rescuer, a saviour – a Chosen One or Messiah
- This is the situation when the Old Testament ends.
- The land remains occupied by different forces – at the start of the New Testament, this is by the Romans
- The people have been waiting a long time
- Some are despairing – some have hope

The Jewish view of the Messiah	The Christian view of the Messiah
a special person sent by God – an Old Testament prophet like Elijah	Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah
someone to make Israel a great nation and bring peace to the world	He is more than a messenger or prophet, but actually God himself in the flesh.
a king for Israel to bring the country back to God	They believe his death and resurrection heals the divide between God and humans.
a military leader to fight and defeat the enemy – the Romans!	In Christianity, some believers expect the return of Jesus to establish his kingdom on earth, where justice and salvation build a new Jerusalem with neither hate nor tears
Someone descended from King David	
A great leader like David	
Someone born in Bethlehem	