

What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people? (Salvation) RED SQUIRREL CLASS

Christians believe that the death of Jesus was all part of God's plan to save humanity.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is at the core of the Christian faith and Christians believe that through Jesus' death, relationships with God are saved. This belief is called atonement.

Christians believe this is needed as everybody carries sin, which separates them from God. So, under Christian belief, God and mankind need to be reconciled. Christians believe that Jesus died on the cross for their sins and because of this, they can be forgiven.

Links to previous learning about Christianity:

For Christians what was the impact of Pentecost? (Y3/4)

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'? (Y3/4)



Jesus had a special dinner called a Passover meal with his friends. This meal is now known as the Last Supper.



Key Vocabulary

Easter	A Christian celebration that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. The week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week.
Holy Week	The week before Easter. It starts on Palm Sunday (which is the day Jesus entered Jerusalem.)
Passover	A major Jewish festival that celebrates their freedom from Egyptian slavery. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover before he was crucified.
disciple	One of Jesus' closest followers.
crucifixion	A way in which people were put to death for their crimes, by being nailed to the cross.
resurrection	Returning from the dead.
ascension	When Jesus rose to heaven after his resurrection.
salvation	This means human souls can be saved from eternal punishment (or separation from God) and are allowed to enter Heaven (and be in the presence of God).

