



In this unit, you should:

- Explain connections between biblical texts and the idea of Jesus as Messiah, using theological terms (prophecy, Messiah, transfiguration)
- Make clear connections between the texts and what Christians believe about Jesus as Messiah; for example, how they celebrate Palm Sunday.
- Show how Christians express their beliefs about Jesus as Prince of Peace and as one who transforms lives, through bringing peace and transformation in the world.
- Weigh up how far the world needs a Messiah, expressing your own insights.

Links:

- EYFS:** Why do Christians perform nativity plays?
Yr 1&2 - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?
Yr 3 - LKS2 CORE LEARNING: - Why is Baptism important to Christians?
Yr 4 - LKS2 DIGGING DEEPER: What is the Trinity?
Yr 5 - UKS2 CORE LEARNING: Was Jesus the Messiah?

Key vocabulary:

- Incarnate:** to take on a human form
Saviour: a person who saves someone or something from danger or harm
Emmanuel: God is with us
Messiah or the Anointed One: the figure promised by God to the Jews for the salvation of the world. The Jews think that the Messiah will be a human being that will save Israel and lead the whole world into the End of Days and eternal peace.
New Testament: The name given to the part of the Christian Bible that was written after the birth of Jesus Christ. The term new testament means a new covenant and was originally used by early Christians to describe their relationship with God
The Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit
Prophecy: something foretold - the ability to predict what will happen in the future
Transfiguration: a change in form or appearance

Key content:

- The Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God. As their circumstances change (for example, from being nomads (Abraham, Jacob) to being city dwellers (David)), they have to learn new ways of following God.
- **The story of Moses and the Exodus shows how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt.**
- Christians apply this idea to living today by trying to serve God and to bring freedom to others; for example, loving others, caring for them, bringing health, food, justice, and telling the story of Jesus.
- **Christians see the Christian Church as part of the ongoing story of the People of God, and try to live in a way that attracts others to God, for example, as salt and light in the world.**
- **The Transfiguration:** Jesus was a surprising person who turned expectations on their head. Christians believe he was, and is: • A saviour who rescues through making peace with enemies • A humble, ordinary man yet the Son of God • Part of an older story yet the first chapter of a new story

Key Questions:

- What did Jewish people hope for in a messiah or saviour, and what did Jesus' followers believe about him?
 Which two things would make you believe that someone was sent by God to save people?
 Why were some people not convinced, or even hostile?
 How might a Christian's life be transformed by following Jesus?
 'The world doesn't need a messiah — it just needs people to love each other.' – do you agree or disagree?



Year 6 Religious Education HT2 – Incarnation
KEY QUESTION: Does the world need a Messiah?
School Value - Forgiveness

