

Vocabulary

Crucifixion – A form of Roman punishment used on Jesus. It involves putting someone on a cross to die.

Bible – Holy Book of Christianity

Testament – There is an old Testament and a new Testament they are parts of the Bible.

Commandments – Ten rules given to Moses that Christians follow and some have become the law.

Holy Spirit – This is God's power in action. It is one part of the Trinity.

Trinity – Is made up of God as the father, son and holy spirit.

Sabbath – Is the Christian holy day (Sunday). It is the day of rest where Christians make time for God.

Church – Christian place of worship.

Rite – a religious act.

Mass – worship

Eucharist – ceremony of giving bread and wine.



The cross is the symbol of Christianity as Jesus died on the cross.

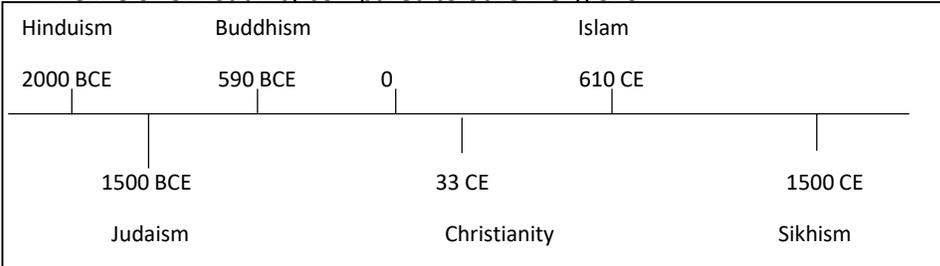
Christianity

Christianity is the largest of the six main world religions.

Christians believe in one God, but this one God consists of 3 persons: God the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. They believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God and was sent to earth in human form to save humanity.

Sacred Text: The Bible which consists of the Old Testament and the New Testament. Parts of the writing contained in the Old Testament are also sacred to Jewish and Muslim people.

Timeline of Christianity compared to other religions



Christianity Fact: There are approximately 2.1 billion followers of Christianity.



A Christening ceremony in a church using a font.

Holy Ceremonies - Depending on the specific denomination of **Christianity**, holy ceremonies and practices may include baptism, Eucharist (Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper), prayer (including the Lord's Prayer), confession, confirmation, burial **rites**, marriage **rites**.



Holy Communion – The ceremony of giving the bread and wine.

Lent – is a religious observance that begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 6 weeks up to Holy Saturday. Christians often give up a luxury item for Lent eg Chocolate.

Rules and Laws

Christians follow the **Ten Commandments** given to Moses by God on Mount Sinai.

They are:

1. You should worship no other God but me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You should not take the name of your Lord God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy.
5. Respect your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not lie.
10. You shall be jealous.

Festivals

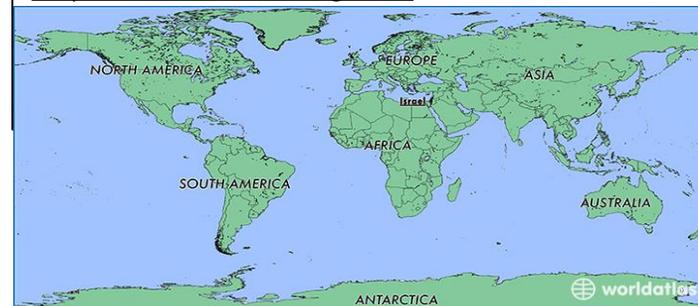
Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birthday and is the 25th December. It is a time of giving and receiving presents and cards. Christians sing carols and send cards. Families get together and have a special meal. The tradition of Santa Claus bringing presents is celebrated. Christians sometimes go to a Midnight Mass at church. Churches follow the practice of Advent which is the four weeks leading up to Christmas and a special candle is lit each week to represent hope, love, joy and peace.

Easter is the time when Jesus died to save the people from their sins and because he gave them new life it is often celebrated with eggs. Christians decorate real eggs or play games with plastic or chocolate ones. Chocolate eggs are eaten and are often brought by the Easter Bunny. The Easter week is known as Holy Week.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, then the following Thursday is Maundy Thursday (the day of the Last Supper), then the day after is Good Friday (the day Jesus died). The next day is Holy Saturday when Lent ends and the next day is Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead.

Where Christianity Began: Isreal

Map of the world showing Isreal



Churches often have stained glass windows.

Main Festivals

Christmas, Easter, Lent

How Christianity Began

Jesus Christ, who was crucified in Jerusalem, is the founder of Christianity. Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He came to earth to teach about love and fellowship. He represents the person that all Christians must strive to be. Jesus was a Jew who was born just over 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. Jesus lived for 33 years before being crucified by the Romans. The teachings of Jesus spread around the world after he died.



The fish symbol was created using the Greek letters which spell out ICHTHUS : Jesus Christ God's Son Saviour.

Place of worship is mainly the Church

The Christian place of worship is called a Church. They are often built in the shape of a cross with the altar facing east towards the rising sun. The Christian spiritual leaders are called priests or ministers. Christian worship involves praising God in music, speech, readings from scripture, prayers of various sorts, a sermon and various holy ceremonies.



Place of Worship:

The Church, Chapel, Cathedral



St. Nicholas's Church, Sutton, St. Helens



Advent wreath with candles at Christmas

Other facts:

Christianity has many denominations such as Catholicism, Protestantism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Anglicanism, Oriental Orthodoxy and Assyrians.

Main Beliefs

Christians believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and that God sent his Son to earth to save humanity from the consequences of its sins

Jesus was fully human, and experienced this world in the same way as other human beings of his time

Jesus was tortured and gave his life on the Cross (At the Crucifixion)

Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after his Crucifixion (the Resurrection)

Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah promised in the Old Testament.

Christians believe that there is only one God, but that this one God consists of 3 "persons"

- God the Father
- God the Son
- The Holy Spirit

Christians believe that God made the world.



The dove is the symbol of the Holy Spirit and peach.