

# Christianity

## New Testament

The New Testament is the second part of the Christian biblical canon, the first being the Old Testament. The New Testament discusses the teachings and person of Jesus, as well as events in first-century Christianity.

## Jesus in other religions

- In Islam, Jesus is considered one of God's important prophets and the Messiah.
- Muslims believe Jesus was born of a virgin, but was neither God nor the son of God.
- The Quran states that Jesus never claimed divinity. Most Muslims do not believe that he was crucified, but that he was physically raised into Heaven by God.
- Judaism rejects the belief that Jesus was the awaited Messiah, arguing that he did not fulfil Messianic prophecies.

## Jesus of Nazareth

Christians follow the example and teachings of Jesus.

Most Christians believe he is the incarnation of God the Son and the awaited Messiah prophesied

## Crucifixion- 'Good Friday'

The crucifixion of Jesus is an event recorded in all four Gospels in the Bible. The crucifixion happens after Jesus' arrest at Gethsemane and trial before Pontius Pilate. It includes his scourging, crucifixion on the cross, and burial.



## Virgin Mary

Mary, mother of Jesus, conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit. According to Catholic and Eastern Christian teachings, at the end of her earthly life her body was raised directly into Heaven.

# The Seasons

## Advent

Advent is a time of preparation during the four weeks before Christmas. The word "Advent" means coming or arrival, and it is the arrival of the Christ child that Christians anticipate during this season. The first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the church year.

## Christmas

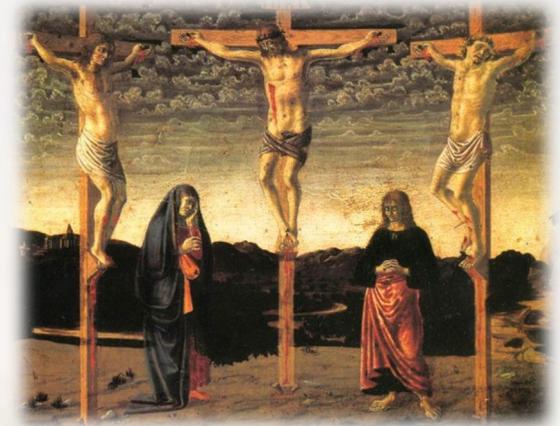
Christmas is the season that takes place during the twelve days between Christmas day and Epiphany.

Christians celebrate the birth of Christ during Christmas.



## Easter

The principal and most ancient festival of the Christian church year is Easter. At Easter, Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ, the final conquering of death. The season of Easter lasts 50 days until the Day of Pentecost.



## Lent

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and continues through to Easter. The 40 days of Lent remind Christians of Christ's time in the wilderness when he fasted and was tempted.

During Lent believers take particular care to examine themselves and repent. Some people add a spiritual discipline during the season of Lent, such as fasting.