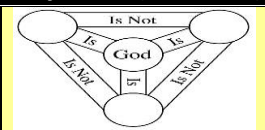


## TOPIC: Why do Christians believe Jesus was God on Earth? (Incarnation)

Christians believe the incarnate Jesus embodies the nature of God and shows them what God is like. Jesus' life offers a pattern for humans and models the way humans should be. For Christians, Jesus' life and teaching exemplify God's interest in, care for and love of the poor and vulnerable.



### Key Texts (Evidence)



**The Trinity:** Although Christianity teaches that there is only one God, most Christians believe that there are three distinct persons within one God. This helps Christians to understand the nature of God.

### John the Evangelist

John was a companion of Jesus (Evangelist means someone who brings good news). In the Gospels John reports the good news that Jesus' life and death offer hope for humanities reconciliation with God.

### The Gospels

John's central message is that God created the universe, humans and all life, who entered into a relationship with people in the form of Jesus.  
They were written 30-50 years after Jesus' death

### The Seven 'Signs' in John's Gospel

Jesus performing miracles represents his divinity. They help Christians to understand God's nature.

### 'I am' sayings in John's Gospel

There are 7 statements to prove Jesus' divinity (holiness) and are present throughout the Gospels to show Jesus is Gods representative on Earth. These are also metaphors.

### Paul's letters (Colossians and Philippians)

Paul was one of the first practising Christians. Two of his letters show the two sides of Jesus' nature. Giving up his life for others and his self-giving love for people.

### Metaphors For God from the Bible:

#### Pslams 23:11

***'The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing'***

This tells Christians that God and Jesus on earth is their leader and they should follow him because he is all that they need.

#### Pslams 18:2

***'The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer'***

God is all powerful, a protector and from the Trinity God as the Father.

#### Isaiah 64:8

***'Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the Potter; we are all the work in your hand'.***

God is the maker of mankind and we are moulded by God and he is in control.

#### Revelations 21:6

***'I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end'***

God is eternal and is the creator of the world and the Judge.

#### Job 33:44

***The spirit of God has made me; the breath of the almighty gives me life'***

God creates humans and we are made in his image he is responsible for life.

#### Pslams 27:1

***'The LORD is my light and my salvation'***

God is the path and following Jesus is the way to live our life, this will lead to heaven.

### KEY VOCABULARY:

<b>Eternal</b>	God created time and is not limited by it. God does not grow old like human beings
<b>God</b>	The creator and ruler of the universe and source of all moral authority; the supreme being.
<b>Gospel</b>	The record of Christ's life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament.
<b>Holy</b>	God is separate from human beings, who are sinful. God is morally pure and hates sin.
<b>Incarnation</b>	The act of God becoming human in the form of Jesus
<b>Jesus</b>	The name of the man who Christians believe was the son of God.
<b>Metaphors</b>	A thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else.
<b>Miracle</b>	An extraordinary event that goes against natural law

### KEY VOCABULARY:

<b>Omnipotent</b>	God is all powerful
<b>Omniscient</b>	God knows all things
<b>Resurrection</b>	The belief that Jesus rose from the dead, on Easter Sunday, conquering death.
<b>Saviour</b>	Saves someone for danger or difficulty. God or Jesus Christ as the redeemer of sin and saver of souls
<b>Salvation</b>	Saving the soul from sin and death, leading to a life in heaven.
<b>Sin</b>	An act considered to go against Gods rules
<b>Spirit</b>	God is not physical – God does not have a body
<b>Trinity</b>	God the Father, God the son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit