

Religious Education Y4/5 Spring Term 2



How significant is it for Christians to believe that God intended Jesus to die?

Knowledge

- Some people believe that our lives are pre-destined; others believe that we have free will.
- According to the Bible, Jesus' life was pre-destined: he came to Earth for a specific purpose.
- Jesus' behaviour during Holy Week suggests that he knew that he was going to die.
- Various people could be considered partly responsible for Jesus' death.
- Christians believe that Jesus was willing to die as part of God's plan to give mankind a way back to God. This is the concept of salvation.
- Everyone is able to make sacrifices for the benefit of others; not all sacrifices are painful or tragic.



Vocabulary

crucifixion = an ancient form of punishment where someone was nailed or bound to a wooden cross and left there to die

Gethsemane = the garden just outside of Jerusalem where Jesus prays to God before his death and is later arrested, according to the Bible

Golgotha = the hill near Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified, according to the Bible

Holy Week = a sacred week for Christians as a time to remember the salvation offered through Jesus' sacrifice, from Palm Sunday to the Saturday before Easter Sunday

Jerusalem = a significant city for Christians, the location of Jesus' death and resurrection

Kingdom of God = the Christian concept of a new creation or transformation of Heaven and Earth in the future, where humankind enjoys a perfect relationship with God

Pontius Pilate = a Roman governor who, according to the Bible, led the trial of Jesus and ordered him to be crucified

resurrection = the rising of Christ from the dead on Easter Sunday

sacrifice = Jesus giving his life for the salvation of humankind

salvation = the Christian concept of Jesus opening the way back to God through his death and resurrection

Saviour = Jesus, who saved people from sin and opened the way back to God through his crucifixion

