



Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?

Knowledge

- Jesus' life, death and resurrection teach Christians about forgiveness.
- It can be easy or difficult to forgive someone's wrongdoings, depending on the people and the situation.
- Forgiving does not mean forgetting or excusing someone's poor choices; it means letting go of the pain and resentment that we're holding towards that person.
- During Holy Week, Jesus forgave those who wronged him or let him down.
- On the cross, Jesus sought forgiveness from God for those who sentenced him to death.
- Christians believe that Jesus came to Earth as the Saviour, whose life would be sacrificed so that all humankind's sins would be forgiven.
- Christians try to emulate God and follow Jesus' teachings by being forgiving towards others.
- The Lord's Prayer is known world-wide and seeks forgiveness for our 'trespasses'.



Vocabulary

forgiveness = the process of moving on when we feel that we have been wronged; being able to stop feeling angry or upset with someone who has treated us unfairly

God = the Christian supreme being, creator and ruler of the universe

Jesus = God in the flesh (in human form), known as the son of God, the Saviour or Messiah (chosen one)

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

salvation = being saved from sin so that humankind can be close to God

Saviour = Jesus, who saved people from sin so that they can be close to God

sin = turning away from God and the teachings of Jesus

trespasses = another word for sins or wrongdoings

