

RE Knowledge Organiser : Year 3 – Christianity : Jesus' Miracles

Key Question

Could Jesus heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?

Key Vocabulary

miracle	an extraordinary event that happens outside the usual rules of science
heal	to make free from injury or disease
incarnation	to become flesh
new testament	the second part of the Christian Bible, recording the life of Jesus Christ
trinity	the belief that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
paralysed	unable to move
preach	to give a religious speech
sin	an act of disobedience against God
forgive	to stop blaming someone

Key Facts and Beliefs

- Christians believe Jesus is God in a human body so has the power of God and can do anything, including healing people.
- Christians believe Jesus is the incarnation of God and that he had a special ability to heal people.
- As part of his ministry (described in the New Testament), Jesus performed many miracles.
- The Blind Man Jesus and his disciples saw a man who had been blind since birth. Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva and put it on the man's eyes. He told him to wash the mud off and when he did, the man could see.
- The Paralysed Man Jesus was preaching the word of God to a large crowd of people. Some men came, bringing a paralysed man with them but they could not get him to Jesus. They made an opening in the roof and lowered the man into the room. Jesus told the paralysed man his sins were forgiven. He told the man to get up and go home. The paralysed man got up and walked home.



Links with other Religions

- Trinity (Christianity). Christians believe there is one God who is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The Qur'an (Islam). Muslims believe that Jesus performed miracles. The Qur'an mentions several of Jesus's miracles, including giving sight to the blind.
- Allah (Islam). Miracles are important in Islam and there are many examples of miracles recorded in the Qur'an, for example when the Prophet Muhammad was taken through the heavens to meet Allah. Muslims believe that Allah (God) can perform miracles.
- Chanukkah (Judaism). When the Maccabees returned to the Temple, they lit a lamp which had enough oil for one day. The oil lamp burned for 8 days. This can be considered a miracle.
- Miracles (Hinduism). There are many examples of miracles in Hindu scripture. Miracles related to the gods, for example Lord Shiva bringing his beheaded son back to life with an elephant's head. Some Hindus believe that these events actually happened. Others interpret miracles as a way to express messages.