

Christianity



Key Vocabulary

1	Jesus	The most important figure in Christianity, believed to be the Son of God.
2	Mary	The mother of Jesus.
3	Ministry	The work of a religious person.
4	Crucifixion	The execution of Jesus, by the Romans, on a cross.
5	Resurrection	Jesus rising from the dead three days after his crucifixion.
6	Ascension	Jesus' ascent to heaven, 40 days after his resurrection.
7	Mary Magdalene	A follower of Jesus who witnessed his resurrection.
8	The Great Commission	Jesus' instruction to his followers to spread his teachings to all people.
9	Apostles	The twelve main followers of Jesus who spread his message.
10	St Paul	An early Christian leader who wrote many letters in the New Testament.
11	Phoebe	A deaconess mentioned in the New Testament who helped the early church.
12	Lydia	A businesswoman and early Christian supporter of Paul.
13	Nicene Creed	A statement of Christian faith.
14	Trinity	The Christian belief in one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
15	Reformation	A movement in the 16 th century that led to the creation of Protestant churches.
16	Protestant	A branch of Christianity that broke away from the Catholic Church during the Reformation.
17	Catholic	The largest branch of Christianity, led by the Pope.
18	Pope	The leader of the Catholic Church.
19	Messiah	One expected to save and lead the people. Christians believe this to be Jesus.
20	Salvation	Being saved from sin and its consequences.
21	Sermon on the Mount	A collection of teachings by Jesus covering topics like love, prayer and moral guidance.
22	The Lord's Prayer	A prayer taught by Jesus to his disciples, summarising key beliefs in the Christian faith.
23	Denomination	A specific branch of group within Christianity.
24	Sacrament	An important ritual that represents an important part of the faith.

Holy Books introduced

The Bible	The most important book in Christianity. It is divided into two main parts: the Old Testament, which contains the history and teachings of the Jewish faith, and the New Testament, which focuses on the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus and the early Christian community.
The Gospels	These are four books in the Bible which contain the accounts of the life of Jesus. They are written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Tools for Studying Religion

Theology is the study of God and ideas about God. Theologians look at how ideas about God influence beliefs in religions and the actions people will do.



Social Scientists use evidence to see how people are influenced by society. Social Scientists look at patterns in what people believe about God and how this may change due to time and place.

