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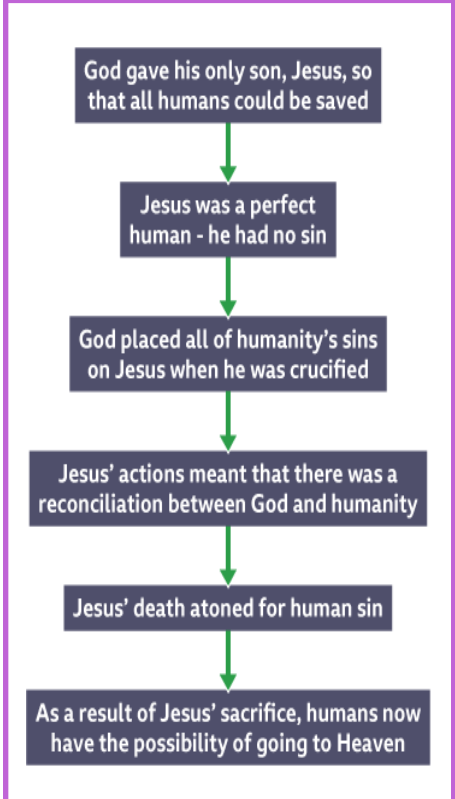


Jesus As The Son Of God

Most Christians believe that Jesus, as well as being fully human, is also fully God. Most Christians believe that Jesus is the second person of the Holy Trinity and is the Son of God.

Jesus As The Messiah

Messiah is a Hebrew word meaning 'anointed one'. Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah because through his crucifixion and resurrection he brought salvation to humankind.



Christianity	
Beliefs	While there are many different types of Christians, the majority of Christians share the same basic beliefs. All Christians believe in one God, and most also believe that Jesus was God's son sent to Earth in human form. Jesus was put to death but was resurrected and ascended to heaven. Christians believe that the events of Jesus's life are important and that people should follow his teachings.
Holy Book	The Christian holy book is the Bible, which means 'books' as it is a collection of many different books gathered together into a single volume. The Christian Bible is divided into the Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament was written before the birth of Jesus and is based on ancient Jewish scriptures called the Tanakh. In Protestant Christianity, there are 39 Old Testament books, with 46 in Catholicism.
Worship	Many Christians worship in special buildings such as churches or chapels, and Christian worship can be different depending on the denomination.
Symbol	The cross is the symbol of Christianity. Jesus Christ was executed by the Romans and died by being crucified on a wooden cross. Christians remember his death and resurrection by wearing crosses. Sometimes crosses will have a figure of Jesus on them. These are called crucifixes.
Denominations	Christians share many beliefs, but they don't all agree on everything. This has resulted in the development of different groups within the religion called denominations. Examples of these include Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Catholic. Different Christian denominations worship in different ways. Anglicans, Catholics and Orthodox Christians have a set form of worship. It is a formal ritual based around the sacraments, particularly Holy Communion.