

Incarnation - becoming flesh, taking human form.

- Gospel of Matthew & Luke - state clearly that Mary did not conceive Jesus sexually.
- Immaculate conception - evidence of Jesus being fully God & fully human.
- Jesus as God in human form made it easier to accept his teachings.

Jesus' God-like qualities

- Miracles.
- Authority to forgive.
- Resurrection - power over death.
- Jesus' human qualities
 - Ate, slept & cried when his friend died.
 - Suffered pain leading to his death.

Resurrection - raising from the dead.

- Jesus was laid to rest in a tomb on Good Friday.
- Early Sunday morning some of Jesus' female followers went to prepare his body for burial but it was not there.
- Two angels are said to have told them Jesus had risen from the dead.

Importance today...

- Shows Jesus' divinity - overcome death.
- Power of good over evil.
- Reassures Christians God will forgive them if they accept Jesus.
- Ascension - 40 days after resurrection Jesus returned to heaven.
- Jesus told his disciples to carry on his work before he ascended up to heaven.
- Importance today...
 - Paves the way for the Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus watching over Christians from heaven.



The Life of Jesus



- Crucifixion - when Jesus was put to death on the cross.
- Sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate
- Crucifixion - death by asphyxiation (not being able to breathe).
- Jesus suffered the pain of his crucifixion.

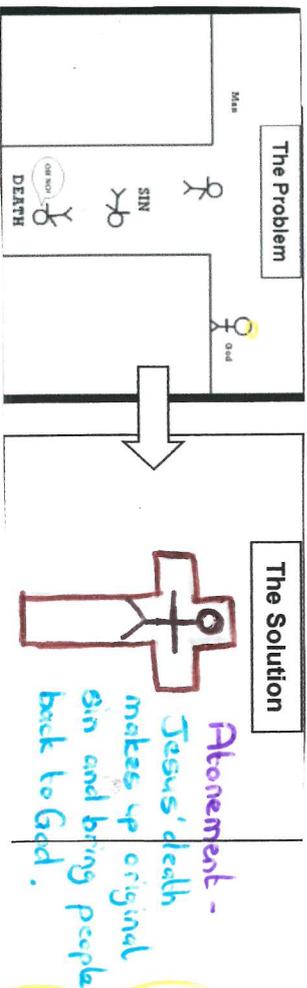


Importance today...

- Accept Jesus' sacrifice, sin can no longer destroy their lives.
- Suffering is a part of life - God understands what the sufferer goes through.
- Sacrifice remembered through the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

Salvation - to be saved from sin and the consequences of it.

- Sin has separated humans from God, salvation enables humans to get close again.
- Salvation through good works - obeying God's laws.
- Salvation through grace - given by God through faith in Jesus.



Salvation is what Christians believe Jesus brought them. Atonement refers to how he did it - dying as a sacrifice.