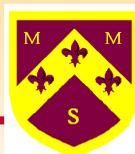




Knowledge Organiser RE

Upper Key Stage 2

Was the death of Jesus a worthwhile sacrifice?



Key Vocabulary

Christianity

Sacrifice

Sin

Redemption

Atonement

Yom Kippur

Salvation

Grace

Crucifixion

Repentance

Fasting

Passover

Key Questions

What does Christianity teach us about sacrifice? What do Christians believe about the death of Jesus? Does the death of Jesus impact on the things that Christians do? How is the story of Jesus' sacrifice re-enacted in the Eucharist and how does it link to the Passover and the Day of Atonement? Do Christians think the death of Jesus was worthwhile? Why? How do they show that? What do Good Friday Services tell us about what Christians believe about the death of Jesus?

Key Content

Christians believe that Christ died for a purpose and that He gave his life for others. Jesus had the freedom not to die, but chose to make this **sacrifice**. Christians believe that on the Cross, Jesus paid the price for the sins of others. Jesus is described as the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and gave everyone **salvation**. As such, Christians believe that the death of Jesus was necessary. The day on which the **crucifixion** is remembered is called **Good Friday**. In the Bible there are rules concerning punishments and sacrifices for sins. The day of **Atonement (Yom Kippur)** is still observed by Jews but as there is no temple in Jerusalem there is no blood sacrifice, and no scapegoats are sent out into the wilderness. It is a day of **fasting** and **repentance** today and one of the most important festivals in the Jewish calendar. Prayers are offered for known and unknown sins. Other biblical material that contains narratives of sacrifice are the story of Samson and the **Passover Lamb**. The blood of the lamb in the door posts turned away the angel of death from the homes of the Israelites and led to their escape from Egypt to the promised land, from slavery to freedom, from death to life. There are other kinds of sacrifices that people make - such as giving things up for a goal, or fighting for their country and putting their own life at risk.