

Unit 4: New Testament: Jesus in Jerusalem

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Key facts

- In the week before his death, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was greeted by crowds who put down palm leaves. Christians remember this on Palm Sunday.
- The first three Gospel writers say that Jesus caused a disruption in the Temple in the week leading up to his death. This story is known as the 'cleansing of the Temple'. John places this story at an earlier point in Jesus's life.
- According to the first three Gospels, Jesus ate a meal with his disciples the night before he died. He told them to eat bread and drink wine in remembrance of him. He also predicted that he would be betrayed by the disciple Judas Iscariot and deserted by the other disciples.
- Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane by the Jewish authorities. The Jewish leaders could not kill Jesus themselves because they were living under Roman rule, so they accused Jesus of treason to Pontius Pilate, who sentenced him to death.
- Jesus was mocked, tortured and killed by a brutal method of Roman execution called crucifixion. He died with a sign above him saying 'King of the Jews'. According to Luke, Jesus promised a criminal on a cross next to him that he would be in paradise with him that day.
- The Gospel writers claim that after Jesus's death he was resurrected, although their accounts of what happened after his death differ. Christians believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus made it possible for humans to be forgiven for their sins and be reconciled to God.
- The growth of the Christian Church after Jesus's death is recorded in the book of Acts. After being filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the disciples spread the message about Jesus.
- A Pharisee named Saul/Paul originally persecuted Christians, but he converted to Christianity following a dramatic experience on the road to Damascus. He is credited with writing 13 of the books in the New Testament, although biblical scholars disagree about whether all 13 were actually written by him.

Key vocabulary

- ascension** Jesus's return to heaven after his resurrection
- conversion** Changing from one set of beliefs to another
- crucify** To kill a person by tying or nailing them to a large wooden cross
- Garden of Gethsemane** The garden where Jesus was arrested
- gentiles** A name given to non-Jews in the Bible
- Last Supper** Jesus's final meal with the disciples, where he predicts Peter's denial and Judas' betrayal
- martyr** Someone who dies for their beliefs
- Palm Sunday** The day Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey
- Pentecost** The day that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit
- persecution** Discrimination against a group of people
- prophecy** A prediction that something will happen
- reconciliation** When a broken relationship is restored
- saviour** Rescuer
- treason** Plotting to betray or overthrow a ruler



Leonardo da Vinci painting of the Last Supper.

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Key people

- Barabbas** A murderer who was due to be executed, but whom the crowd chose to set free instead of Jesus
- Judas Iscariot** The disciple who betrayed Jesus in exchange for 30 pieces of silver
- Mary Magdalene** A follower of Jesus who was the first person to see him after his resurrection
- Pontius Pilate** The Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to death
- Saul/Paul** A Pharisee who persecuted Christians until his conversion to Christianity on the road to Damascus; he is credited with writing 13 letters found in the New Testament
- Thomas** A disciple who doubted Jesus's resurrection until he saw Jesus's wounds for himself



Keywords and important definitions

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What did Jewish elders (Sanhedrin) and Roman officials think about Jesus? Why?

What does the world need saving from?
(SIN)

Jesus arrives in Jerusalem – how, why, what happened?

Old Testament predictions – Who was Jesus? Why do Christians think he is special?

Online Revision resources:

Join year 8 RE Jesus Revision Seneca class
(new)

Class Code: **t4c5ai0rbf**

<https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/t4c5ai0rbf/assignments/assignment/6b4b5454-486b-4108-a586-aafc747ced22>

The Animated film of Jesus's Life:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-t4wwkFhpCU>

Events and impact of the Last Supper

The trial of Jesus

Crucifixion and Resurrection – what happened? Why? Significance for Christians