

Messiah

According to Mark Jesus avoided the title 'Christ' or 'Messiah', perhaps because he did not want to be seen by the Jews as a military leader.

The gospel of Mark opens with this: "*The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*"

What does this passage reveal?

Predictions: The Messiah would be BORN of a VIRGIN & would be born in BETHLEHEM.

TASK: How do we know Jesus is the Messiah from the predictions above?

Key words

Memorise the key words below:

Passover –

Gospel –

Messiah –

Blasphemy –

Sanhedrin –

Covenant –

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Bible & its authority

Even though today the Bible comes as one book, it is really a collection of books. These books are organised into two main parts: The **Old Testament** and the **New Testament** which contain **66** books in total.

Old Testament = It contains stories, laws, songs, prophecies and history.

New Testament = It contains stories about the life of Jesus, and other writings from the early days of Christianity

Name the 4 gospels:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Why are the accounts of Jesus life known as 'good news'?

Mark

It is thought that the gospel was written by Mark. Most scholars think that Mark's Gospel was written in Rome to support persecuted Christians.
How would this help Christians facing persecution?

It is also believed that Mark wrote from the memories of the disciple, Peter. Mark gives us no information about the birth of Jesus. **Why do you think this is?**

Why was it important that Mark wrote a gospel?

What does the Bible tell us about Mark?

Read the two small passages. Write down what it tells us about Mark.

- **2 Timothy 4:9-11** –
- **Acts 15:36-40** –

Last Supper

Mark states that the Last Supper was a Passover meal. Jesus planned to eat one last meal with the disciples.

Breaking bread and drinking wine are normal parts of the Passover meal, but Jesus gave these actions new meaning for his followers.

Explain what the bread and wine now represent.

Bread –

Wine –

Many churches still remember the Last Supper in the service of **Holy Communion**. What does this remind them of?

How does celebrating Holy Communion give Christians a sense of community?



Trial of Jesus – Religious Leaders

- 1) The trial should be held at day time
- 2) The witnesses' evidence should be heard the day before the trial
- 3) The evidence of at least two witnesses had to be exactly the same
- 4) The accused person could not be asked a direct question which would show he was guilty

TASK: Using the story in your book explain how the rules above were broken.

Should Jesus have spoken up in his own defence?

Were the Sanhedrin right to break the rules of Justice to ensure that Jesus could not challenge them anymore?

Garden of Gethsemane

After the Last Supper, Jesus and the disciples went to this garden. On this occasion Jesus is depicted as isolated and vulnerable.

The word Jesus used for God was the Aramaic 'Abba' which means Father. **What does this tell us about their relationship?**

How would Jesus' prayer inspire early Christians facing persecution?

This is one of the occasions when it could be argued that the disciples let Jesus down. Explain how.

Throughout history Judas has been described as the 'betrayer'. Explain why this is. Refer to the story in your answer.

Trial of Jesus – Pilate

Pilate was Governor of the Roman province. He had the duty of upholding Roman justice. **Pilate was not interested in blasphemy. Why was this?**

What did Pilate realise about the Religious leaders?

Do you think Pilate failed to uphold justice?

Why did the crowd choose to release Barabbas?

