

RE Knowledge Organiser Year 5: Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?

Key vocabulary

Anoint – rub/smear with oil

Old Testament – first part of the Bible

Incarnation – belief in Jesus as God ‘in the flesh’

Saviour – God or Jesus as a redeemer

New Testament – second part of the bible

Belief – a religious conviction.

Messiah' means 'Anointed One'. In Old Testament times kings were anointed. Priests were also anointed. This anointing was symbolic. It showed they had been set apart by God, for a special, God-ordained purpose. In Greek, the word Messiah is written as 'Christ'. When Christians talk about Jesus Christ, they are not giving Jesus a surname. It is a title – a statement that he is indeed the Anointed One promised by the prophets, come to lead his people and bring them back to God.



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