

# KNOWLEDGE MAP: CHRISTIANITY YEAR 7

## SUMMARY

**This unit introduces the beliefs of Christianity, ranging from beliefs about Creation to beliefs about the events of the life of Jesus.**

## CREATION—BIBLE

**The Story of Creation in the Bible can be found right at the start; in Genesis.**

It says that God created the world in 6 d days and rested on the 7th. It is used as an example of God's omnipotence (all-powerful).

Many Christians don't believe it happened literally (exactly) as the Bible says, but instead it is a story to help people understand what God is like, and what our place and role is in the world. These people may believe that God created the world by starting the Big Bang, and evolution.

After the creation God gives commands to the first two people, Adam and Eve. In the Bible it says " God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

For many Christians this means that they believe that they need to protect and look after the earth for God.

This is important to Christians because ... it teaches them that God rules over and is responsible for all of creation.

## DIFFERENT VIEWS ON CREATION

**Creationist Christians: The Bible story is literally true, God created the universe and all life on Earth in 6 days.**

**Liberal Christians: The Bible story is symbolically true, God did create the Universe and all life but did so using the Big Bang and Evolution**

**Humanist/Atheist: Universe/life created by Big Bang/Evolution. God does not exist.**

## CREATION: BIG BANG AND EVOLUTION

**The Big Bang Theory** is the scientific explanation for the origins of the universe.

**Evidence:** Some of the evidence for the Big Bang Theory includes the Cosmic Background Radiation discovered by Penzias and Wilson in the 1960s.

**Evolution:** The scientific explanation for the development of life on earth. The process by which species of organisms arise from earlier life forms and undergo change over time through natural selection . Developed by Charles Darwin in the mid 1800s.

**Evidence:** Some of the evidence used for evolution is the Fossil Record

## KEY TERMS

**CREATION:** the creating of the universe, especially when regarded as an act of God

**BIG BANG:** How scientists explain the way the universe began. It is the idea that the universe began as just a single point, then expanded and stretched to grow as large as it is right now—and it is still stretching!

**EVOLUTION** The scientific explanation for the development of life on earth.

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The Bible presents God as a Holy Trinity; one God but having three parts: the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Christians feel that belief in the Trinity helps them to understand the different ways that God has shown his presence in the world:

One God appears in three forms: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

## KEY EVENTS LIFE OF JESUS

Birth

Miracles; acts that break laws of science

Parables: Stories with moral/faith meaning

Arrest and Trial by Jewish/Roman authorities

Crucifixion: Executed

Resurrection: Rises from tomb on third day

Ascension: Rises to Heaven 40 days later

## CRUCIFIXION IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

His death is a sacrifice for human sin, the atonement. Death shows human element of Jesus.

## RESURRECTION IMPORTANT BECAUSE

Resurrection shows Jesus power over death and Christians believe they can also be resurrected in the afterlife because of the resurrection.

## JESUS AN ORDINARY MAN? YES /NO

**YES:** Jesus does ordinary human actions like eating, talking, walking, crying, dying .

**NO:** Jesus performs miracles (acts that break laws of science that only God can do)

## MIRACLES

**Calming the storm:** Divine power over nature

**Healings:** Divine power over illness/disability

**Feeding the 5000**

**Resurrections of Lazarus/Jesus:** Divine power over death.

## PARABLES

**Good Samaritan:** Samaritan is enemy of the Jews, yet it is a Samaritan who is the one who helps the Jewish Man in the story. The meaning: Christians must show love to all people (love thy neighbour) just like the Good Samaritan.

**Sheep and Goats:** People who help those in need/sick/prison will go to Heaven, people who do not help will go to Hell.