

Why be a Christian?

Jesus was born in Israel in a town called Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. During his first 30 years he shared the daily life and work of an ordinary home. For the next 3 years he travelled about, teaching people about God and healing the sick. He gathered a group of followers around him as his disciples.

He had no permanent home. He wrote no books. He led no army. He wielded no political power. At the age of 33 he was executed by being nailed to a cross.

Today over 2.1 billion people throughout the world worship Jesus as divine – the Son of God. Their experience has convinced them that in the wonders of nature we see God as an amazing creator, that in Jesus we discover how God loves us personally, and that in our daily lives we can know God with us as Spirit.

Jesus is our way to finding God. He taught us to trust in God as our loving and forgiving Father and to pray to him for all our needs. He showed us that every human being matters to God and that we can all find in him strength, courage, patience, understanding and forgiveness. By words and actions he demonstrated how we should live as those seeking to love God and each other.

Jesus' actions alone would not have led to a criminal's death on the cross, but his teaching also challenged the powerful and the privileged. Above all he taught that his life and death were God's appointed way of overcoming evil. 3 days after his execution Jesus rose to new life. His disciples, once frightened and defeated, met him and became fearless and joyful messengers.

The good news they shared was that through these events God's new age has dawned in which love triumphs over fear, justice over injustice, life over death, good over evil. Jesus invites all who trust in him to share in this new life themselves.

The message of good news about Jesus is the reason the Church exists. More importantly, it is the reason why all over the world there are Christians who know what it means to meet the living Jesus, and who believe that he alone has the key to human life.

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