Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?

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Wonderful words

Messiah: a saviour from God promised in the Hebrew texts

Incarnation: 'in the flesh'; Christians believe Jesus is God 'in the flesh', or God incarnate

Saviour: Jesus came to save or rescue people e.g., by showing them how to live

Immanuel: a Hebrew name meaning God is with us

Micah: a prophet from God who promised a rescuer

Theological: about the study of God and religious belief

Prophecy: a prediction of what will happen in the future

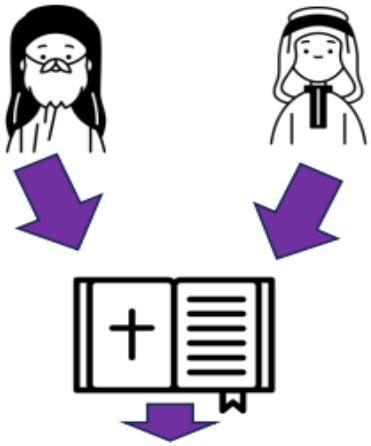
Gospel: the good news about Jesus, a book of the New Testament recounting Jesus' life

Prophet: a messenger sent from God

Isaiah: a prophet from God who told of a rescuer and what the Messiah would be like

So how does it all work?

The Prophets



The Messiah



Incarnation

Important information

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden they were sent away from God. This is known as The Fall.

Humans cannot sort this out themselves and need a rescuer to bring them back to God, a **Saviour**. In the Old Testament there is a **prophecy** that God will send a **Messiah** to bring people back to him. The **prophet Micah** and the prophet **Isaiah** both speak of this rescuer who God will send to heal the damage done by people's disobedience.

Christians say this saviour is Jesus, who is God in human form which is a belief they call the **incarnation**. People who want to find out how the events of the life Jesus show he is God in the flesh will make a **theological** study of the **gospel** story, looking at events such as the birth of Jesus, his crucifixion and resurrection to show how he healed the gap between God and humans.

Some Christians will refer to Jesus as **Immanuel** as God is with them on earth.

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