



Waterbeach Community Primary School

Curriculum Capture for Year 5 Religious Education

What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?

Key Knowledge and Beliefs

Why is the resurrection of Jesus important to Christians?

For Christians, the resurrection of Jesus seals the defeat of death and sin, opening up the way for all people to turn to God, repairing the effects of the Fall of man and bringing Salvation. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus are the keystones in the Christian understanding of the 'big story' of the Bible. Jesus exemplifies what it would be like for all people to have an intimate relationship with God the father – such as a love for all, especially for the lost and vulnerable. His resurrection means that they have a sure and certain hope of a life after death.

What do Christians believe about life after death?

The resurrection appearances of Jesus give some hints about the nature of life after death – Jesus has a body and is not a disembodied spirit. Whilst there is not agreement about what heaven is like, there is agreement amongst Christians that it will be good! Some see it as the fulfilment of God's good plan for all creation, including humanity. For Christians, there is the generalised belief that there is a heaven, with no death, mourning, crying or pain.

What 'evidence' do Christians have that Jesus was resurrected?

The Gospel of Luke presents a number of witnesses to the resurrection, from the angels who remind the women who visit Jesus's tomb only to find it empty, reminding them of the promise of Jesus, to the couple on the road to Emmaus and then to the gathered disciples.

How is the resurrection of Jesus reflected in Christian funerals?

The Bible texts that tell the story of Jesus's resurrection are often used in Christian funerals to reassure, to give hope, to teach and to remind the bereaved that this life is not the end.



Christians believe that the empty tomb was the first piece of evidence of the resurrection of Jesus.



Christians use the resurrection of Jesus in art, music and epitaphs as a symbol of hope that death is not the end.

Vocabulary

resurrection	The rising from the dead – in Christian belief the rising of Christ from the dead.
epitaph	A phrase written in memory of a person who has died, especially as an inscription on a tombstone.
funeral	A ceremony to celebrate and remember the life of someone who has died.
disembodied	Separated from or existing without the body.
Salvation	Being saved from harm, ruin or loss, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ.
tomb	A vault for burying the dead. Also used to describe a monument to the memory of a dead person.

Useful Texts and Links

The Resurrection – Luke 24:1-49 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+24%3A1-49&version=NIV>

Alternative account of the resurrection – John 20:1-29 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A1-29&version=NIV>

Life after death – John 11:25-26 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11%3A25-26&version=NIV>