

Y6.2 INCARNATION: Was Jesus the Messiah?

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God in flesh (Jesus)

- Isaiah and Micah prophesised the coming of the Messiah.

THE MESSIAH. COULD IT BE JESUS?

The Jewish people were waiting for a Messiah, or 'anointed one': a Saviour. They expected the Messiah to be:

a special person sent by God – an Old Testament prophet like Elijah

someone to make Israel a great nation and bring peace to the world

a king for Israel to bring the country back to God

a military leader to fight and defeat the enemy – the Romans!

someone descended from King David

a great leader like David

someone born in Bethlehem.



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| • Messiah | • Prophet | • Descendent |
| • Saviour | • Incarnation | • King David |
| • Messenger | • Kingdom | |

Jewish people still hope for a **Messiah** to come. They hope for the Messiah to spread the healing of the nations from the leaves of the tree of life. This hope is built in to the way Jewish people see the world.

Christians believe that **Jesus** is the Messiah – more than a messenger or prophet, but actually God himself in the flesh. They believe his death and resurrection heals the divide between God and humans.

In **Christianity**, some believers expect the **return of Jesus** to establish his kingdom on earth, where justice and salvation build a new Jerusalem with neither hate nor tears.

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- Quotations from eye-witnesses and experts
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