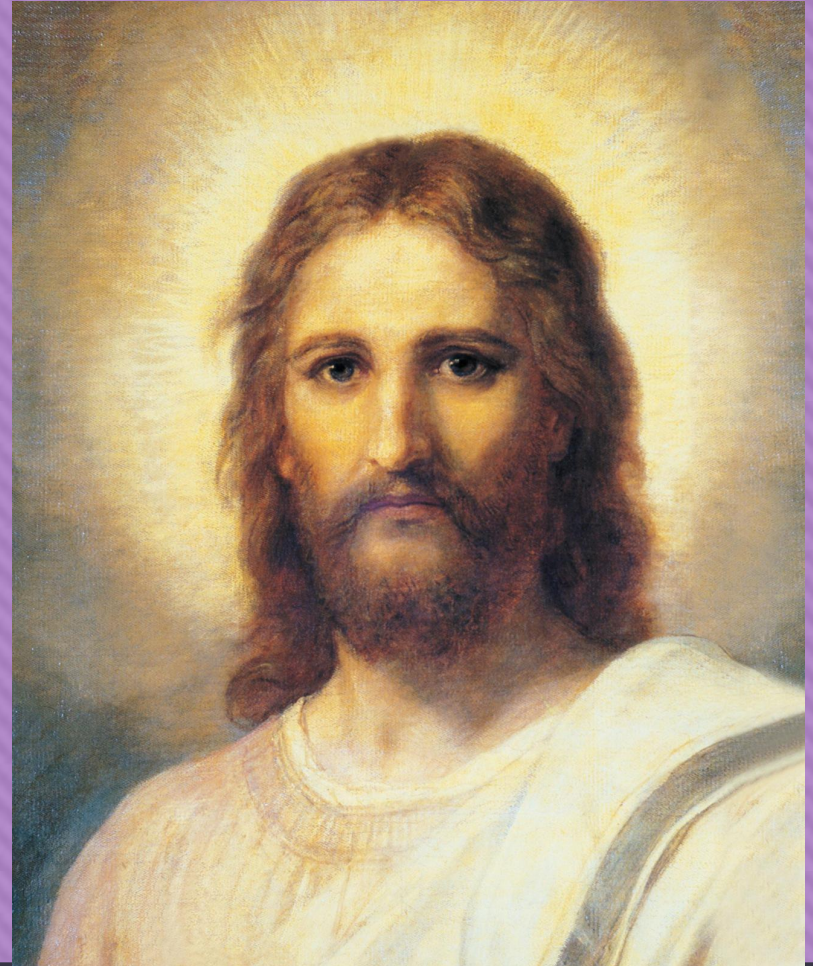


Christianity



A look at one of three religions from the Middle East.

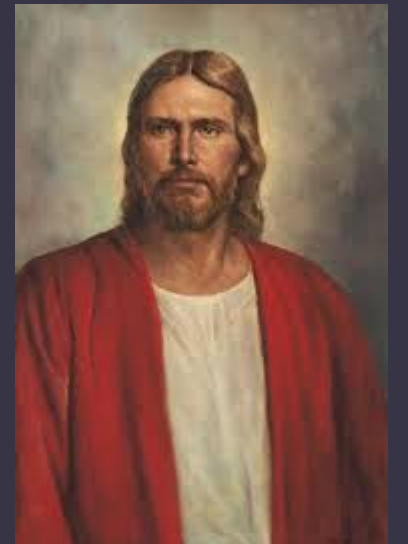
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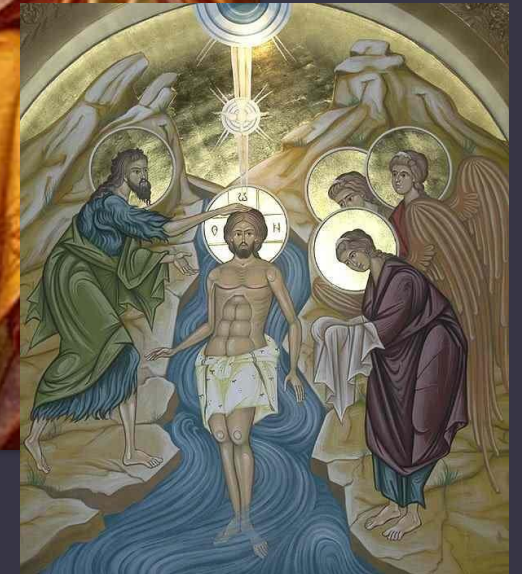
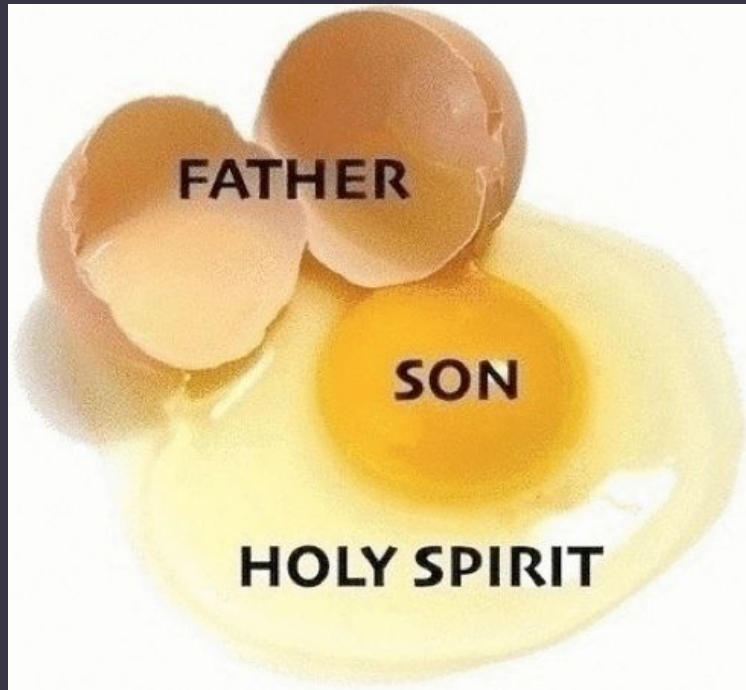
Origins: the Story of Christ

Important Figures and Leaders

Jesus Christ was the founder of Christianity, but he considered himself Jewish.



The Trinity or Godhead



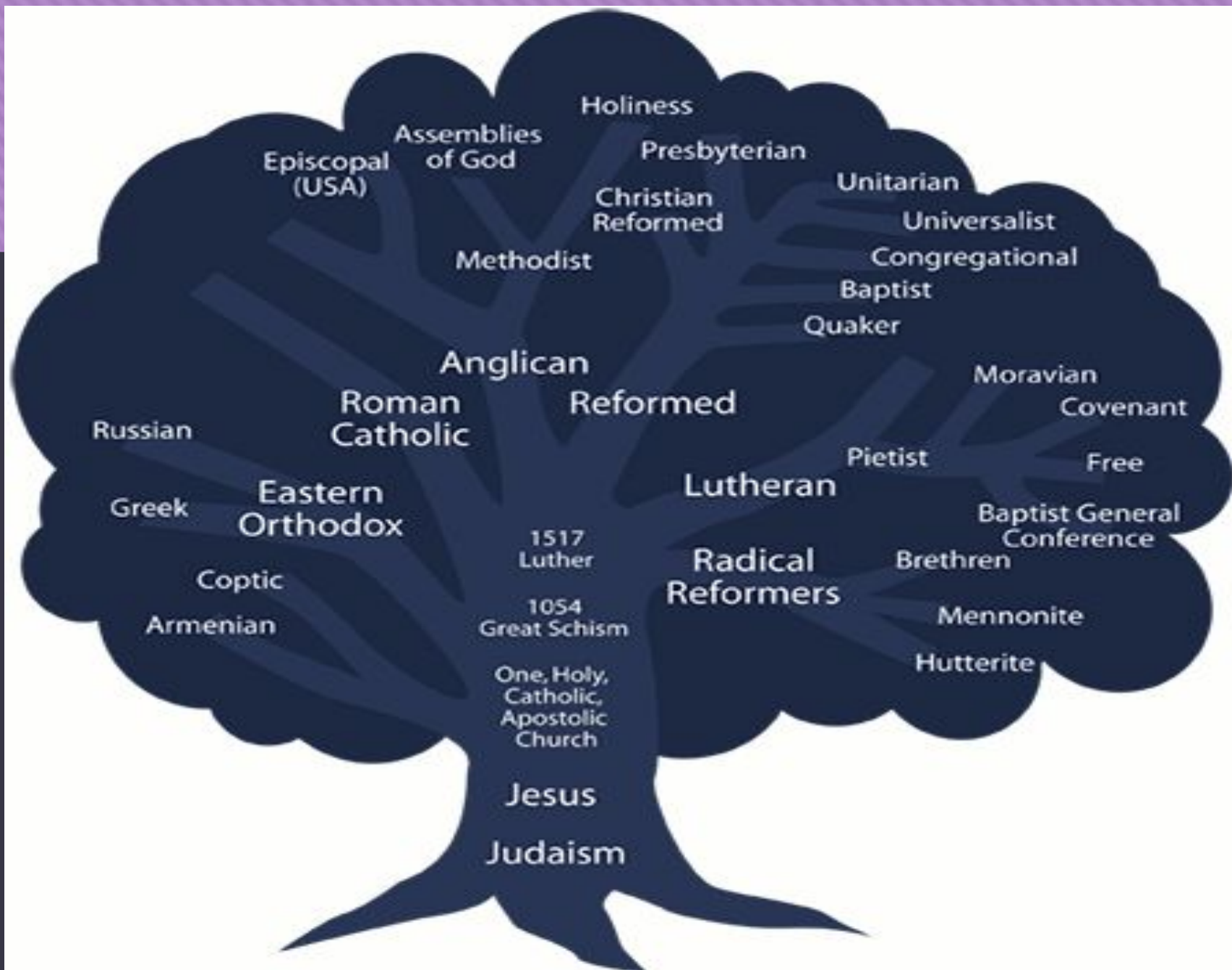
The Christian Messiah

While Jews believe the Messiah will come and deliver them from social and political oppression, Christians believe Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, and delivered humanity from spiritual hell and physical death.

Christ is the Greek word for Messiah.



Sects/Branches

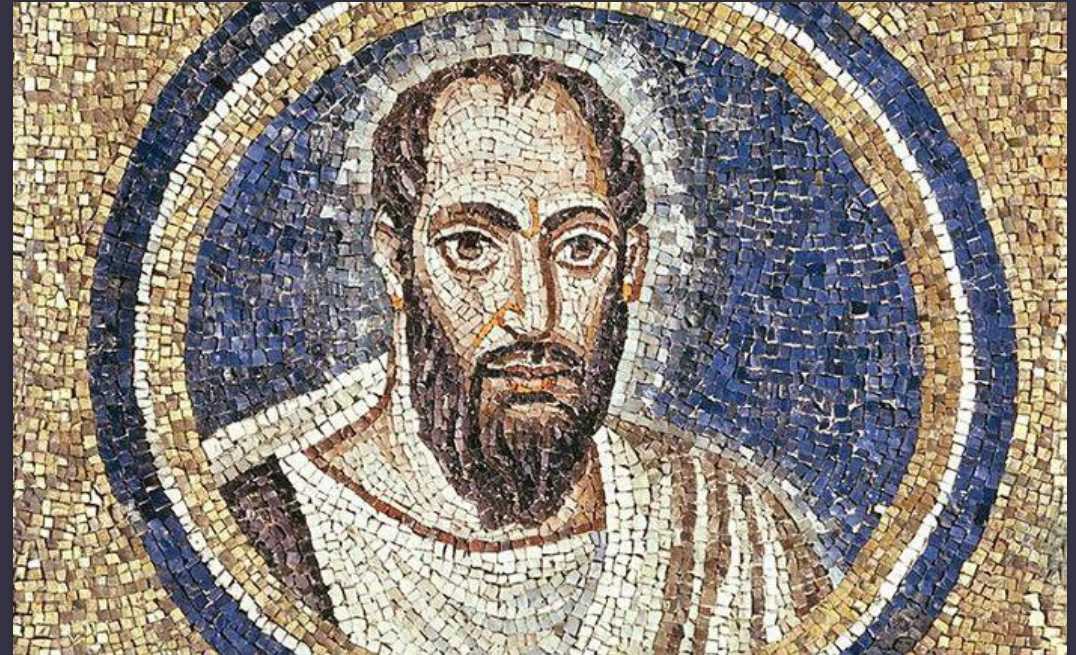


“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” –Matthew 28:19, NLT

Christ sends the Twelve Apostles



The Apostle Paul is called



The Reformation

No paying \$\$\$ to have your sins forgiven!



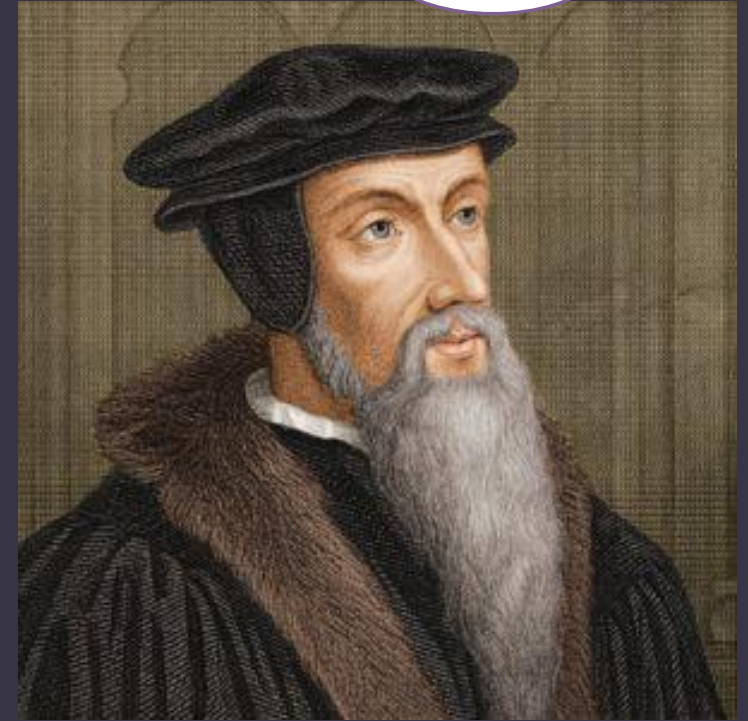
Martin Luther, 1483-1546 AD

The Bible should be read by everyone!



John Wycliffe, 1320-1384 AD

Church and state are separate!



John Calvin, 1509-1564 AD

Anglicanism (The Church of England)

The Church of England is important, because when the British colonized the world, they took two books with them to teach people English and “civilize” them:

- Shakespeare
- The Holy Bible



King Henry VIII wanted a divorce.



Seekers of Religious Freedom in the 1600's:
The Puritans (purify the Church of England)
The Pilgrims (separate from the Church of England)

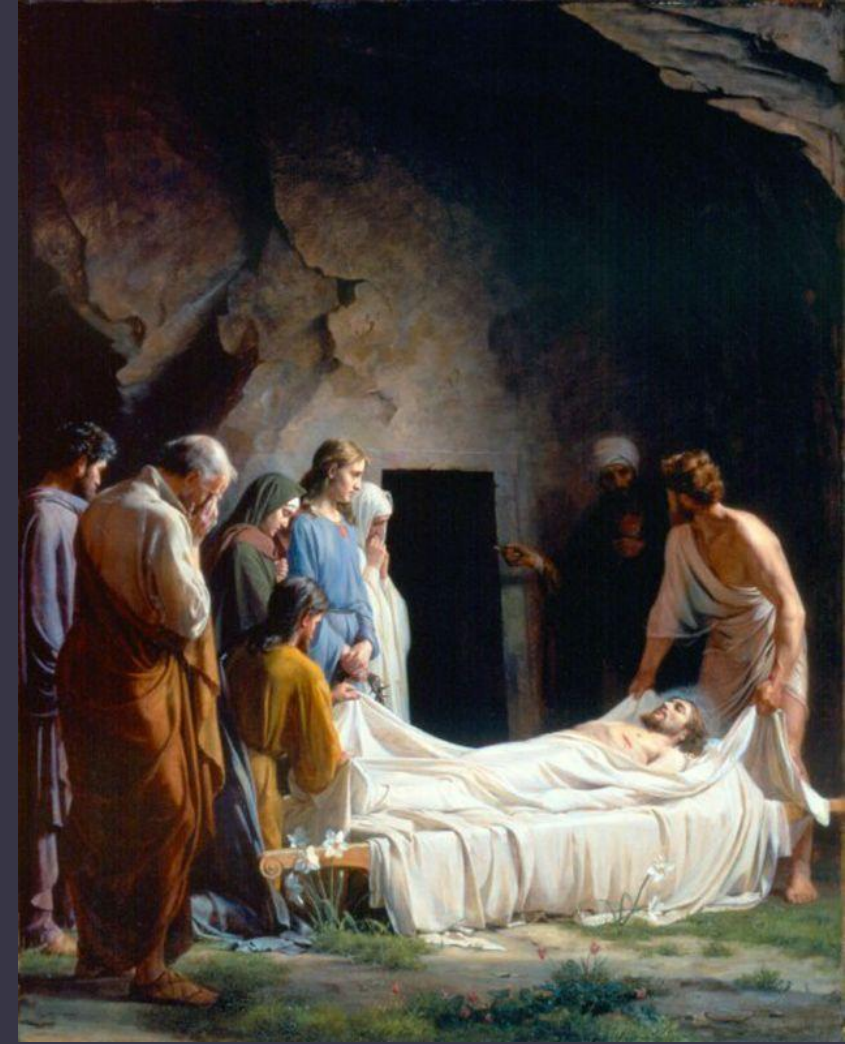
Fundamental/Basic Beliefs



The Garden



The Crucifixion



The Tomb

The Passion of Christ: a central tenant of Christian faith



Most Christians believe in a Heaven and a Hell. It is believed Christ went to Hell after He was crucified to break the chains of Hell and save the souls of the dead, so they could live with God in Heaven.



The Easter Story: After being dead for three days, Christians believe Jesus of Nazareth rose from the grave. Because Christ rose from the grave, the dead will one day come back to life.

This coming back to life is called the Resurrection.

Fundamental beliefs



According to Christian scripture, after the Resurrection, Christ ascended into Heaven to be with God the Father. However, He promised to send His followers the Holy Spirit to comfort and teach them how to live, so as to come home to God the Father and Heaven after death.

The day Christians first received the Holy Spirit is known as Pentecost.

Fundamental beliefs

The Two Greatest Commandments



Communion or the Lord's Supper

"Do this in remembrance of me." –Luke 22:19, NIV



Baptisms & Christenings



Fundamental beliefs

Sacred Spaces & Places of Worship



Churches, Cathedrals, Temples

Common Features: A pulpit or an altar for preaching, a choir area, and an area for the congregation. Many Christian organizations use the cross as a sacred symbol.

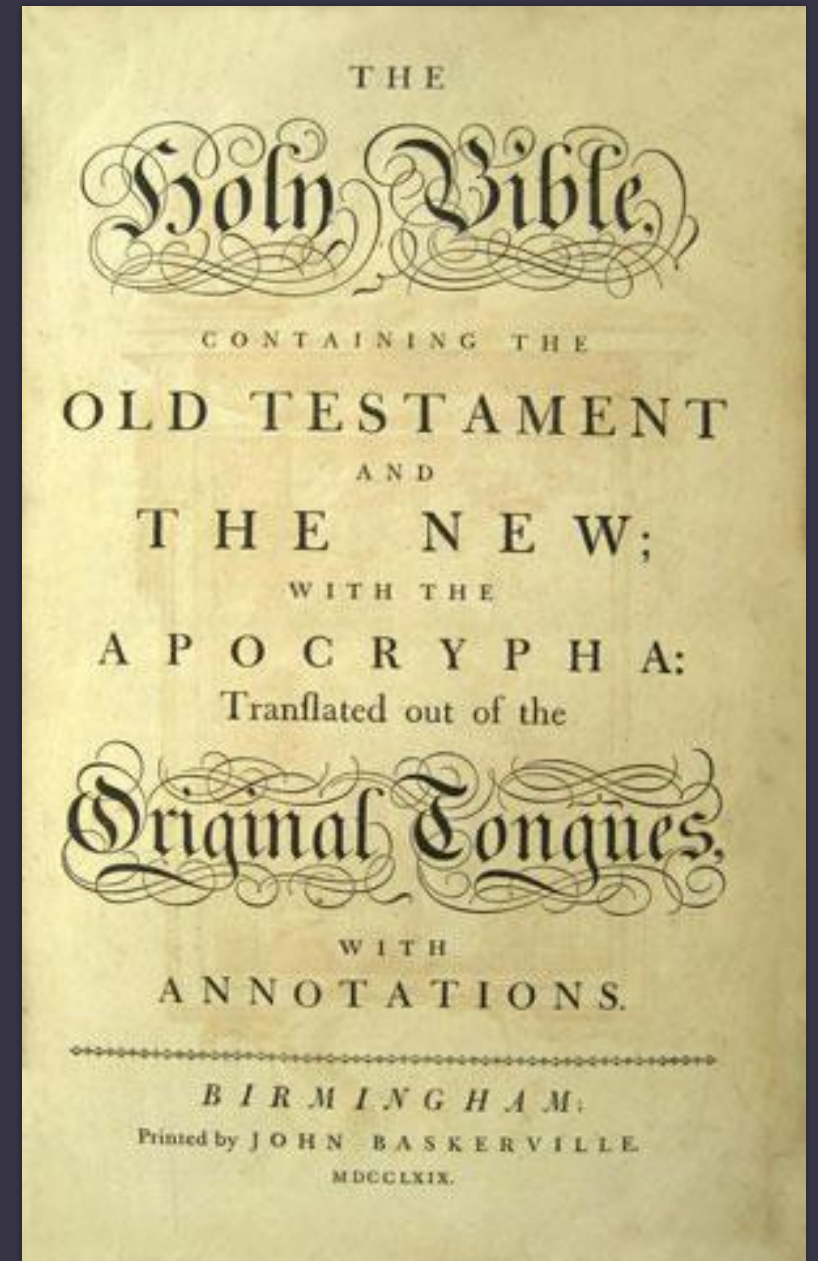


Cities: Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem

Sacred Texts

Christian Scripture: The Holy Bible

- ❖ Old Testament
 - Contains the Jewish Torah and other prophets' teachings
- ❖ New Testament
 - Contains the teachings of Jesus Christ



Teachings of Christ in the New Testament



- Pray to the God the Father
- Mercy over Justice
- Forgiveness and repentance
- Love the outcasts
- Serve the poor (Good Samaritan)

Jesus often taught in parables-- fictional stories which reveal different truths depending on the listener.

Fundamental beliefs

Dietary Laws or Guidelines

**Most branches practice some form of fasting.
Most branches are encouraged to eat and drink in healthy ways.**



Holy Days & Holidays

Holy Day: Sunday or the Sabbath



Not everyone agrees when the Sabbath Day is, but most agree that it is a day to worship.

Holidays: Christmas & Easter-these are the two main universal holidays.



Marriage & Family Roles/Traditions

Family is very important. Many follow the traditional roles of the father being the provider with the mother being the nurturer, however these roles have evolved.



Religious “Culture”

The Golden Rule/What Would Jesus Do?

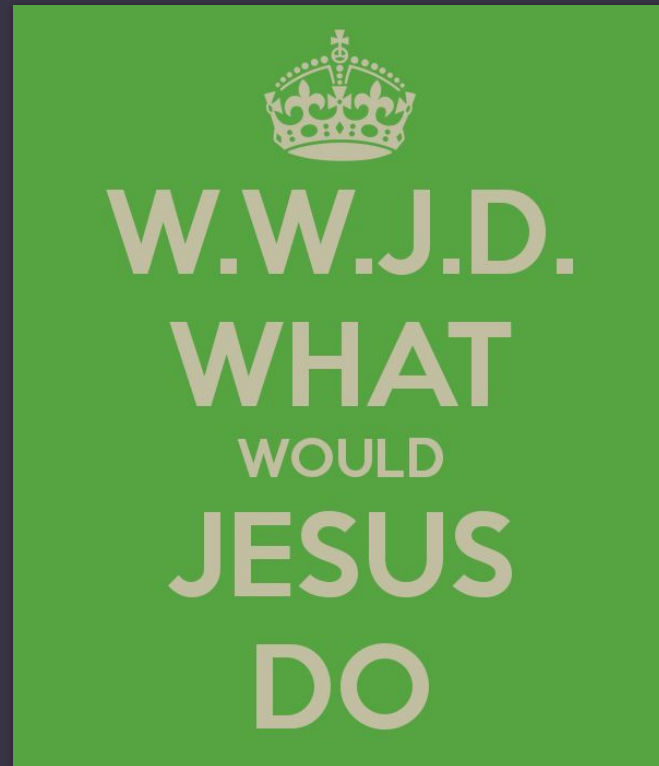
Do Unto Others As You
Would Have Them Do Unto
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 The Golden Rule



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