

FOUNDERS / LEADERS



- **Jesus** was the founder of Christianity and is seen by some as a radical leader. Some of the things that suggest he was radical include being able to perform miracles, coming back to life and having a miraculous birth.
- During Jesus's time, the role of women in society was very restricted. Jesus showed that women should be treated as equals. He also chose to reveal himself to a woman (Mary Magdalene) after his resurrection. He trusted her to spread the word of his return.

TEXTS



- Ephesians 5:22, Titus 2:5, Timothy 2:12 and Corinthians 11:3 all offer an insight into how women were treated in Biblical times.
- John 4: 1-40, Mark 5:20-24 and John 20 offer guidance on how Jesus's views on how women should be treated.

INDIVIDUAL DAILY LIFE-



- Prior to Jesus being sent to earth, people often made sacrifices to appease God. Christians believe Jesus taught them that to please God they should lead a good life by following rules that he preached.

BELIEFS



- Christians often picture Jesus in their own image. Around the world, people have different interpretations of what Jesus would have looked like, some even believing he was more a spirit than present in human form. Though predominantly pictured as a Caucasian bearded man, being born and living in the Middle East would suggest he would have had a darker complexion.
- 4,000 people polled by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), 38% described themselves as Christian- a fall from 50% in 2008 and 66% in 1983.
- There are several other major faiths that recognise that Jesus existed, in fact there are some atheists that believe that he existed. However, there are distinct differences in what different faiths believe.
- Spirituality can be expressed through a wide variety of methods, many of these are associated with the arts.

CAREERS



Currently, 29% of the clergy (people ordained for religious duties) are female. In 2017, for the first time ever, there were more women than men entering the clergy.

Key vocabulary and meanings

Radical- a person who supports extreme social and political changes.

Pacifist- a person who believes that war and violence are unjustifiable.

* **Resurrection-** the act of bringing something that had disappeared or ended back into use or existence.

Equality- the state of being equal, especially in status, rights, or opportunities.

Atheist- a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods.

Religious: relating to or believing in a religion.

Spirituality: the quality of being concerned with the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things.

Calligraphy- decorative handwriting or handwritten lettering.

* **Psalms-** a sacred song or hymn, in particular any of those contained in the biblical Book of Psalms and used in Christian and Jewish worship.

Ephemeral- lasting for a very short time.

