

Enquiry Question: How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?

Worldview/Faith
– Christianity



In this unit, we will look at the events of Holy Week (the week leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus) to investigate the cause and effects of these events

- **Pilate:** The Roman governor of the region
- **Incarnation:** God as man
- **Disciples:** Jesus' special friends
- **Resurrection:** Coming back to life after being put to death
- **Crucifixion:** being put to death by being nailed to a cross.
- **Pharisee:** a strictly orthodox Jew who adhered closely to the rules and scriptures

Christians believe Jesus is God's Son. They believe God sent Jesus to Earth to help people and forgive their sins. Christians believe that when Jesus died and came back to life, he made a way for people to be close to God again. This is called **salvation**.

The Bible says Jesus knew that he would die one day. He told his friends (the disciples) that people would be unkind to him and that he would be killed. Jesus also said that this was the reason he came into the world.



From a human perspective, Jesus could have anticipated his fate. He faced constant opposition from the Pharisees and scribes, who said he was a liar, a false prophet, and a Sabbath breaker. These crimes were punishable by death at the time. Entering Jerusalem as he did and clearing the Temple would have been viewed as a dangerous aggravation by the temple authorities.



Link to other aspects of belief

- **Incarnation:** God becoming man or literally being "made flesh" so Jesus was God incarnate.

Impact on believer/daily life

Christians believe that Jesus knew he had come to Earth to die so he could save people. This helps Christians see Jesus as very brave and special. It also encourages them to make sacrifices too. For example, many Christians choose to give up treats or things they enjoy during **Lent**, the 40 days before Easter.



Personal connection / resonance

- What sacrifices would I be prepared to make for something I felt was right or necessary?
- Can I think of anything that I would wish to make a sacrifice for?