

Starters and Plenaries

For AS and A Level Edexcel Religious Studies

Paper 3: New Testament

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Teacher's Introduction

This resource contains 35 starters and plenaries which cover all topics of the AS and A Level Edexcel Paper 3, New Testament Studies, first examination 2017/8.

The activities are intended to help students develop abilities across the full range of assessment criteria.

The activities follow the specification order and give the teacher a clearly defined structure to work from. The activities are intended to take no longer than 10-15 minutes.

The starter activities offer a way to grab the students' attention prior to learning the core information of the specification. The plenaries help to challenge the students, testing their understanding. While each activity is specified as either a starter or a plenary in the resource, these are adaptable to the teacher's needs.

The wide range of activities helps to stimulate each student's interest, by offering fresh and enjoyable methods of learning. The activities help to promote discussion, explanation, application and critical thinking skills, meaning that each student can learn to deeply analyse the information that they have been taught, which gives them a solid foundation from which to work for the following lessons. The activities target each type of learner, enabling every student to benefit from this resource.

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Specification Cross-reference

This table will enable you to pick and choose starters or plenaries relevant are teaching. While each activity has been selected as either a starter or a p that many starter and plenary tasks may be interchangeable depending on the specification. Some may not work so well as a starter or plenary. It is a when to use each task.

Area	Ppic	Activity
Social, h. 79 and religious	Prophecy regarding the Messiah	Secrets Lineage
context of the New Testament	The world of the first century	Religious Groups in Pa Roman maps
m . 1	The prologue in John	Who was Jesus Hellenism in Joh
Texts and interpretation of the Person of Jesus	Titles of Jesus in the synoptic gospels and 'I am' saying in John	Weaknesses of ana What did Jesus compare l Eucharist
jesus	Miracles and signs	Walking on wate Death is not the e
Interpreting the text and issues of	Interpreting the text	What genre is thi Synoptic summa Source diagram
relationship, purpose and authorship	The purice and anti-	How is John differ What is John for
Ways to solve the scripture	Ways of interpreting Scripture	Metaphor Should we take it litë Demythologisin
Texts and interpretation:	The Kingdom of God in Luke: parables of the kingdom and eschatology	The Kingdom of G Where is the Kingdom
the Kingdom of God, conflict, the death and	Why did Jesus have to die?	Political crimes Breaking the Sabb Corruption
resurrection of Jesus	The crucifixion and resurrection narratives in Luke's Gospel	Guilt, judgement and for Decoding symbo Crucifixion narrat
Scientific and	Scientific and history and critical of and from raith	Surviving death Why was the tomb en
ethical livited and the works of scholars	How should we live?	Jesus' priorities Good Samaritar The Revolutiona Inclusive? Apostle or prostitu Gender/equality

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Activity 1 - Secrets Have you ever been told a secret and failed to keep it? Or told one and had it sp where Jesus said 'don't tell' to the people he heal Luke 5:12-1 ¹²Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. his face to the ground and begged him, 'Lord, if you choose, you can make me clea hand, touched him, and said, 'I do choose. Be made clean.' Immediately the leprosy to tell no one. 'Go', he said, 'and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses common cleansing, for a testimony to them.' 15 But now more than ever the word about Jesus would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. 16 But he would withdro Matthew 16:15-20 (NRSVA) ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You a living God.' 17 And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For fl this to you, but my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this roa gates of Hades will not prevail against it. 191 will give you the keys of the kingdom bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loo ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Mea Mark 1:40-45 (NRSVA) 40 A leper came to him begging him A leper came to him, 'If you choose, you with pity, Jesus stretched out him, and said to him, 'I do choose the leprosy left him, and a made clean. 43 After sternly warning him he sent hir 'See that you not be to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer f estimony to them.' 45 But he went out and began to proclaim it fr commanded Why does he do this? COPYRIGHT Suggest reasons why telling people to keep secrets doesn't work. **PROTECTED** epers and Peter the intended goal? Was the re

Activity 2 - Lineage

Two birth narratives start with this (this one is from Matthew 1:1–17 (NRS)

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of Cavid, the son of Abr

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father sacob, and Jacob the father of Perez and Judah the father of Perez a

And David we father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jeho father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Ma Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakin Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Bc yolon to the Messiah

Who do w Too light the most important people on this list to be? Explain
Who do you iger the most important people on this list to be? Explain
Why would it be important for a Gospel writer to include this list?
Try to think of two occasions where people are interested in your ancestor
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Activity 3 - Religious groups in P

Fill in the table from the answers below.

Jewish Group	Beliefs in life of er death
Pharisees 79	ION COL
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Zealots	
Essenes 79	ION COPY

Life after death:

- 1. Did not believe in life after death.
- 2. Believed in the resurrection of the soul only.
- 3. Believed in the resurrection of the dead, although unclear whether this was bac
- 4. Believed in life after death strictly as written in the Torah.

Political views:

- Politically powerful. Administered the state, ran the Sanhedrin, collected taxes, Romans.
- Believed that the Roman occupying forces should be driven out violently throug people.
- 3. Lived communally, sharing wealth, avoiding violence and generally staying iso
- 4. Not politically powerful. Believed and encouraged this is a accept that the Je priests that should follow religious rules in dai on the conjust their ritual life. Diskeep the Jewish people different from the couplers.

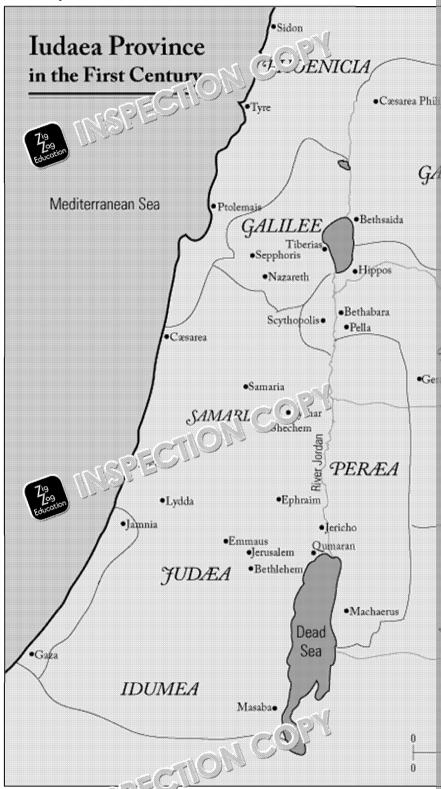
Were any notable No is ent figures members of any of these group	S
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Activity 4 – Roman maps

Can you identify the Roman towns?



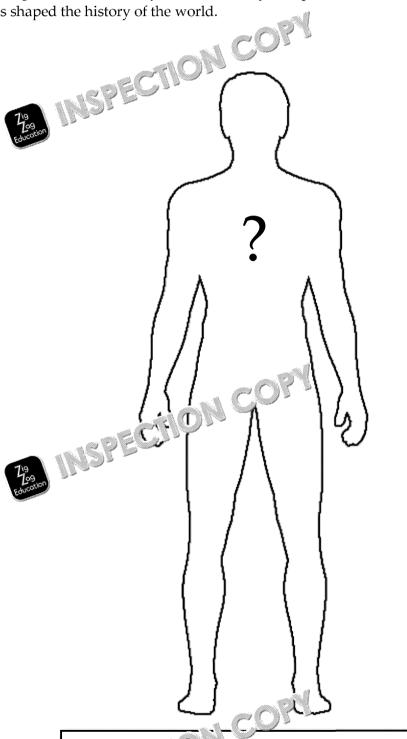
Why do you have towns were built away from major Jewish settlement

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Activity 5 - Who was Jesus

The nature and person of Jesus has been a major point for discussion and d people throughout the last 2,000 years. Whatever your opinion of Jesus, the debate has shaped the history of the world.



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Activity 6 - Hellenism in Jo

The prologue of John's Gospel (NRSVA):

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of people. ⁵ The light shines darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent fr was not send was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to might believe the himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the enlightens e was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world di what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the son full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whome ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made h

- 1. Gnostics saw the spiritual as perfect and the physical as sinful. Jesus is made flesh and thus perfect.
- 2. In Plato's cave, the light is what humans shor? The re to see, it is the t
- 3. The Word of God has parallels with A is of anstrumental cause.

Find examples of each of the passage and explain them.
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Why would the writer of the Gospel write in this at it way?
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Activity 7 - Weaknesses of an

An analogy is a comparison between things for the purpose of explanation

Analogies can be a useful way of thinking about a subject, however they ca alternative interpretation. Explain how each of the covering analogies coulonm, and not work or be misleading to the other.

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How it wo	Analogy
79 Education	A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle
73 Education	He had a voice like velvet He is my rock
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Activity 8 - What did Jesus compare

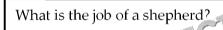
Jesus compares himself to many things during his ministry. Below is a selection







What uses does bread have







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How does a vine work?

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Pick one of the four images. Explain why you think Jesus used this analog

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Activity 9 - Eucharist

What happens when a Christian participates in the Eucharist?

I am the bread of line true vine. How are these words of Jes Euch



They accept the body of Christ / Spirit of God into themselves. If you have God inside you, how might that change your behaviour?

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Activity 10 - Walking on wa

Jesus Walks on the Water, Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVA)

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the reconstant in the boat and go on a mountainsid of him to the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side and go on ahead of him to the boat and go on ahead of him to

25 Shortly Head of Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the lake saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

- ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'
- ²⁸ 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'
- ²⁹ 'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesu he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

- ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he
- 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died do it. 3 Then those who we saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

What does this show it is not power over?
Why is this more impressive than a healing miracle?
Do you think Peter has little faith?
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Why didn't the other diagram of the out to Jesus?
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Activity 11 - Death is not the

What is foreshadowing?	
Explain an example of forest 1 on 1 3 from a book or film you know.	
Read the following passage from John's Gospel (NRSVA):	
Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if all yed, you would glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the search of Jesus looked upwards a 'Father, I thank you for having least the deat the form of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe you sent when he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, of the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'	for second
What is Jesus foreshadowing?	
Why would Jesus or the Gospel writer do this?	



Activity 12 - What genre is t

Form criticism relies on understanding the original genre of literary passag references and link them to a genre. In the final column add a non-Biblical

Biblical text	Ger	
Proverbs chapter 4	-3/0/1/0	
Deuteron chapter 5		
Jonah		
Habakkuk		
1 Samuel chapter 17		
Joshua chapter 6	CION COPY	
Song of 719 s (1) 2		
Numbers chapter 26		
Psalms 149 and 150		
Judges chapter 16		

War story	Love Poetry	Songs	Dro
Prophecy	Adi Jire . c.y	War story	L



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Activity 13 – Synoptic summ

From memory, write out the story of the 'Three little pigs'.	
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Swap your version with someone else. Write down the differences between the stories.	
Write down the differences between the provider of the stories.	••••••
Swap again and write down the differences again.	
Is it possible for people to heard the different time?	

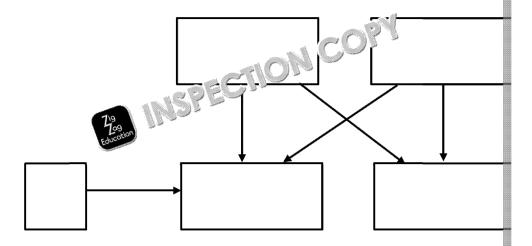
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Activity 14 - Source diagra

Fill in the blanks and explain the diagrams



The Four-source hypothesis

What changes for the two-source hypothesis?	
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Activity 15 - How is John diffe

Construct an essay plan to answer the question 'How and why are the Syn different?'

Consider these four areas:	
Purpose	When th
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Difference in material	Life
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For each you will need at least two points.

Remember you will need a:

- a point
- evidence
- an explanation
- a link This is vital and shows that you understand how what you answer and the other points you have.



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Activity 16 - What is John for

Using the following three passages, you will try to explain the purpose of John's Gospel.

- John 1
- John 19
- John 20

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ssages show that the purpose of the Gospel of How do th John is to explain:

a)	Jesus as Christ?	
h)	Jesus as the Son of God?	
b)	jesus as the son of God	
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c)	Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture?	
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Activity 17 - Metaphor

The snow is a white blanket. The hospital was a refrigerator. Britain is a melting pot. TION COPY Life is a rollercoaster. Their home was a prison. His heart is as cold as iron. He is a shining star. Time is money. My teacher is adrag s wooden as he listened to her story. The detective 19 The world is decrease. His words were candyfloss. He is a night owl. Maria is a chicken. Books are keys to your imagination. Terry was blue when his goldfish died. Her angry words were bullets to him. Jamal was a pig at dinner. You are my sunshine. The car was a furnace in the sun. That coach is an ogre. Ben's temper was a volcano, ready to explode. The kids were monkeys on the jungle gym. The sun is a golden ball. The clouds are like cotton wool. M COSA The park was a lake after the rain. That lawn is a green carpet. My dad is a road hog. The stars are sparkling diamonds. Those two best friends are type is in a pod. He is a walking diction by sherching across the desert. The road w

nach was a bottomless pit.

Pick ten of these metaphors and explain what they are saying.

Her tears were a river flowing down her cheeks.

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Activity 18 - Should we take it li

Acts 10:9-16 (NRSVA)

⁹ About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being putrance. ¹¹ He saw the heaven opened and something like control estated by its four corners. ¹² In it were all kinds of four-focotic criticities and reptiles and by a voice saying, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat' it is profane or unclean.' ¹⁵ The voice of the chim again, a second time, 'What Go call profane.' ¹⁶ This happer the files, and the thing was suddenly taken up to

In this pas. 79 eter refuses to eat unclean food even though it appears to
What is the obvious literal meaning of the passage?
Christians were having a debate about whether non-Jewish (Gentile) Christians law at this time. How might this vision relate to that?
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Christians at not have prohibitions on wearing clothes of mixed material,
meat and milk and letting women stay in the home when they are menstre voice saying, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' How a debate on homosexuality?
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Activity 19 - Demythologisi

This is the miracle of the 'Feeding of the five thousand, taken from Matthey

heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ V" we went ashore, he saw compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ Whan we vening, the disciples came deserted place, and the hour is now lata; we have not away so that they may go for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to the man at two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to crowds to sit to cass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked broke the lata and the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the filled; and the work was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Your task is to rewrite the story without any supernatural occurrences tak
needs to be the same. Try to still have the same underlying message.
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Why would demythologising be a useful or important thing to do?
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Activity 20 – The kingdom of

Jesus gave many hints as to what the kingdom of God would be like.

Your task is to read these passages:

- Luke 14:7–24 Humility and hospitality / any ble of the great di
- Luke 18:1–30 Jesus teaches the Phyrica, and the rich young ruler
- Luke 23:39–43 Jesus to the secrucified with him

Next, from 79 q , , explain where the kingdom of God is and what it
Finally, draw the kingdom you have described.



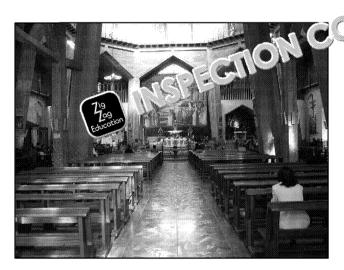


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Activity 21 – Where is the kingdon

From your previous work, which of these images most strongly shows the opinion? Explain your reasoning, giving your thoughts on all three pictures





In Church



At a foodbank



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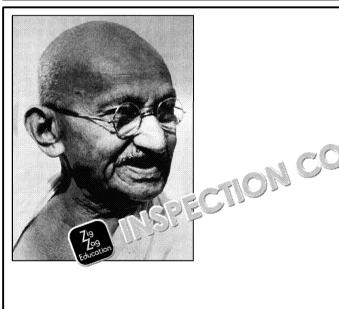


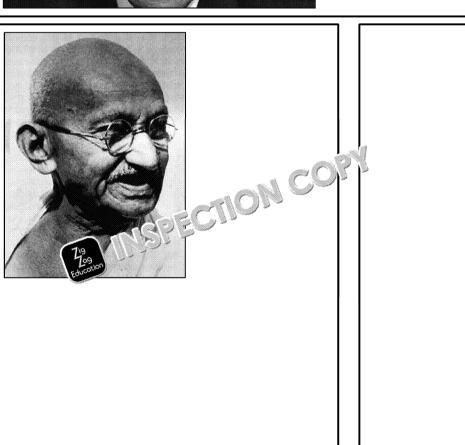
Activity 22 – Political crime

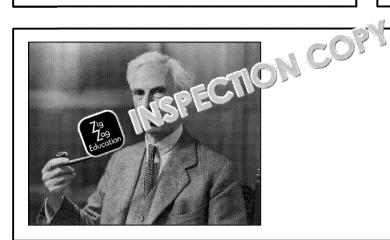
These four people were all political prisoners during their lifetimes.

- Who are they?
- What did they do?
- Why do governments imprison their political phonents? Does it has









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Activity 23 - Breaking the Sal

John 5 (NRSVA)

Jesus heafs on the Sabbath

⁵ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, cally Hebrew Beth-zathor these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyser's on narrows there who had years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and the well? ⁷ The sick man are the lambda of the lambda of me. ⁸ Jesus mat and walk. ⁹ At case has a was made well, and he took up his mat and began

Now that do a Sabbath. ¹⁰ So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, for you to carry your mat.' ¹¹ But he answered them, 'The man who made me well so walk.'" ¹² They asked him, 'Who is the man who said to you, "Take it up and walk" healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was the temple and said to him, 'See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so you.' ¹⁵ The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jis still working, and I also am working.' ¹⁸ For this reason the Jews were seeking all twas not only breaking the Sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, there

Why was it wrong to work on the Sabbath?
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Think of two situations where it is more important to do what it right instead them down.
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Activity 24 - Corruption

Imagine you work in a hospital. You have seen cost-cutting measures take away some of the safety protocols and some areas of the hospital don't quite have enough staff. You have seen figures that confirm that the death rate increased due to these cuts. You are awa? h. **'le people in charge know this and are del'in the covering it up. You also know that in the could judge, or been suspended or sacked. Every light many of them have later won cases of unfair dismissal it could impact on your family. You also know that more patients will die unnecessarily if you do not speak out.



Would you speak out? Explain why.
Why do people often stay quiet about the corruption they have seen?
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Why did Jesus scare the religious authorities in his time?



Extension – Find a pasting in the gospels where Jesus exposes authorities A a papens as a result?



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Activity 25 - Guilt, judgement and for



Write down one time you felt guilty about something. Explain why.
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What took the feeling away?
Have you ever sacrificed yourself in any way for 2012 else?
Have you ever sacrificed yourself in any way for sol 2 else?
Why did you do it? How did it make you feel? Is it encouraged in society?
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What do you find difficult to forgive people for? re las a black teenager, killed in a racist attack in London has publicl discourse iven his killers and sees this as an important thing to do fo properly. Could you have done this? Are there things that are unforgiveable 79 INSPECTION COPY

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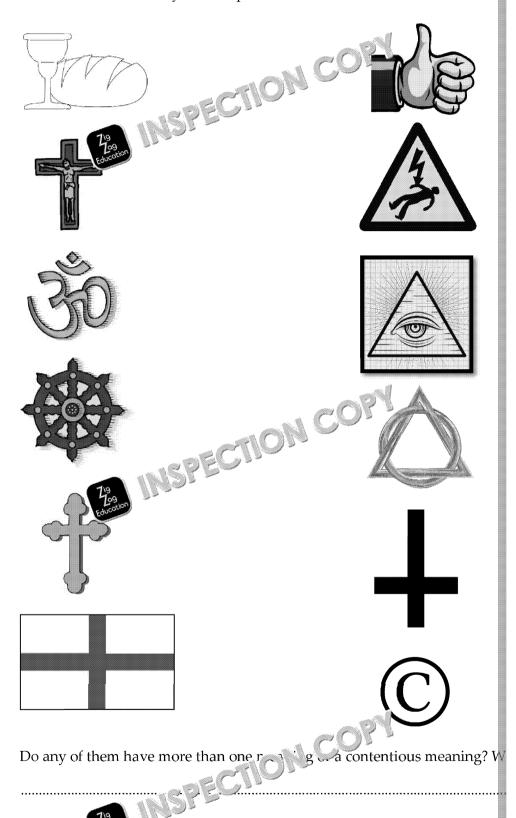
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What do each of these symbols represent?

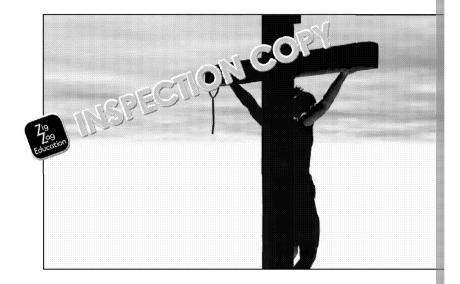


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Activity 27 - Crucifixion narr

Read Luke 23.



Why did the Romans crucify Jesus? The Jewish authorities would have sto
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Would Jesus' message have spread as far as it has and lasted as long as it I resurrection?
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Activity 28 - Surviving dea Make a list of ways of surviving death in fiction. Are any of them believable? Why not? Jesus' followers maintained the later than the dead and this of Christianity. His foll - e also persecuted and killed. Why make Would it be worth it? Why not go back to your

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Activity 29 - Why was the tomb

The Resurrection of Jesus, Luke 24:1-12 (NRSVA)

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when the week, at early dawn, at



eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mothe with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle to them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the liwent home, amazed at what had happened.

Write a story covering the main points of the resurrection but with no sup
will have to deal with the Romans, Temple authorities, the Sabbath and th
happened to the body and whether he was dead or alive.
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Activity 30 - Jesus' prioriti

In these passages, who is being prioritised and why?

Matthew 25:33-36 (NRSVA)

'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the k' myrepared for you from the standard of the standard o

Luke 6:20-7

²⁰Then he lo at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

- ²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
- 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Proverbs 31:9 (NRSVA)

Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NRSVA)

7If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your nather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may

Isaiah 58:6-7 (NRSVA)

6 Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of injustice, the undo the undo

to let the oppressed go free, and to break you

Is it not to share your bread with the new pour see the naked, to the hour not to hide yourself from your own king

Will anyon to as a result?
Should Christians follow this example today? Why?
Give two examples of Christia (\$9) and two examples of them not
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Activity 31 - Good Samarit

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSVA)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he sc.', what must I do to inhim, 'What is written in the law? What do you reach 'e' he answered, 'You shall your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your myourself.' 28 And he said to him, 'You', 'a' is a me right answer; do this, and you

²⁹ But wanting to justif the factor of the

What is the ethical message?
Which two vers soft is Lallenge the Jewish audience?
How does this parable challenge the Jewish authorities specifically?
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Activity 32 – The Revolution

Jesus never expressed solidarity with the rich. He was noted for speaking to (and treating as real people) women, the poor and minorities.

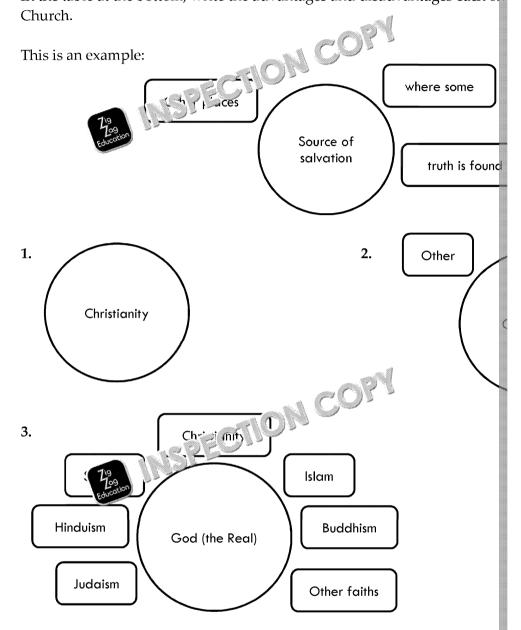
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One example of Issue' touching on this tonic is I also 16:10, 21	
One example of Jesus' teaching on this topic is Luke 16:19–31.	
Which organisations or groups find this teaching challenging?	
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Activity 33 - Inclusive?

The following diagrams represent three models of Christian theology about In the table at the bottom, write the advantages and disadvantages each on Church.



Model	Name of Model	Advantages	
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2	7/9	CILOIN	
3	Education		

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Activity 34 – Apostle or prost

Jesus' views on women seem different from most at the time. He teaches women as if they were men and treats them like equal human beings.

Mary Magdalene was an important Jesus. She appears mar despite bei

In groups, find the following references:

- Matthew 27:56, 61; 28:1
- Mark 15:40, 47; 16:1–19



• Luke 8:2; 24:10 John 19:25; 20:1-18 What would you suggest Mary is like? Since the sixth century Len portrayed as a repentant sinner, a pro-Why portray her as something else? How is she threatening to the Church? Is she still a threat to and of the worldwide Church?

Activity 35 - Gender/equal

What is gender? Answer the same question for each of these categories: Biologically Psycholog Why aren't they all the same? Should all equal? Is equality the same as fairness? Why is this a controversial topic? Is it achievable?

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Answers / Teacher's Notes

Activity 1

Why does he do this?

There is the possibility Jesus is aware that this will spread the message. Jesus may be unsure of himself and not want the attention at the start of his minist

Suggest reasons why telling people to keep soor is cont work.

It often makes the information too exciting a share. Also, if you try and force pa secret.

Was the rea

to the intended goal?

Activity 2

Should this be taken literally?

Some people do, but it may just be an attempt to legitimise through linking him to writer probably could not prove this.

Who do you consider the most important people on this list to be? Explain why. David and Abraham. David especially, because the Messiah would come from his

Why would it be important for a gospel writer to include this list?

As mentioned before, legitimisation to a Jewish audience would be important.

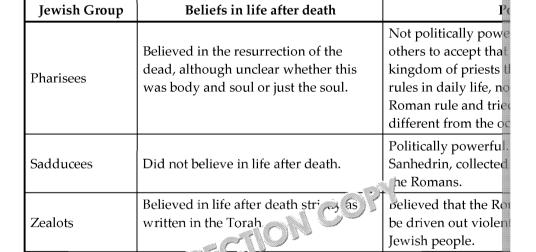
Try to think of two occasions where people are interior in your ancestors in the Inheritance and immigration.

Should it be important?

A question for debate

Activity 3

Essenes



in the resurrection of the

Judas was a zealot, Paul a Pharisee.

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violence and general

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The Greco-roman culture and the ewit and did not want to assimilate the local of Imperial power having

Activity 5



This activity is intended as a starter to find out what students already know. Any be highlighted for further development.

1. Gnostics saw the spiritual as perfect and the physical as sinful. Jesus is literal flesh and thus perfect.

Verse 14 has the Word becoming flesh. Jesus can be the perfect human becaus usually are, he is wholly spiritual and not sinful.

- 2. In Plato's cave, the light is what humans shorts' as yet see, it is the true reverses 5 to 9 deal with the Word as the "at the true, shining in the darkness eventually.
- 3. The Word G 1 3 rallels with Aristotle's instrumental cause.

 Specific 799 rse 5; everything comes into being through the Word. Jesus might

Why would the writer of the Gospel write in this cultural way?

This is the last of the Gospels to be written and was heavily influenced by Greco-Rimportantly, by Philo and the Neo-Platonist ideas within the contemporary Jewish those who were interested in this 'reasoned' faith.

Activity 7

The task is a reminder that an analogy can never be a watertight argument.

How it works	Analogy	
Women can survive just fine without a man, they are not essential for life.	A woman (S) jar like a fish	Fish bicy could have they won sexu
He sounds to and luxurious.	He had a voice like velvet	Velv if yo
He is tough, stable and provides good foundations.	He is my rock	He is
Life has many different aspects that you can enjoy.	Life is like a box of chocolates	Life and wea

Activity 8

Light – gets rid of darkness, shows us where to go, exposes hidden things.

Bread – It sustains people, it is shared as a sign of fellowship, made by mixing, known values and easy.

Shepherd – Protect and nurture sheep. Chase away and decrease its vine – Planted, watered, pruned, tended and grant fruit harvested.

Pick one of the four image why you think Jesus used this analogy.

A question f 29 ba.





This is a reflective task, focused on a student's feelings.

They will hopefully consider that if God is inside them, they may be more respectf others around them.

The third question should get them thinking about a q₁ he belong to and how them feel wanted, part of something more that the reverse or able to do more.

Activity 10

What does 79 ov sas has power over?

Nature. Goc education only one who has power over nature.

Why is this more impressive than a healing miracle?

Many people are/were capable of healing, even miraculous-seeming healing. Noth

Do you think Peter has little faith?

He is the only one who gets out of the boat, but he sinks. Open question.

Why didn't the other disciples walk out to Jesus?

Peter is impulsive and wants to impress. He is also strong of faith until adversity.

Activity 11

What is foreshadowing?

Giving an early example of something that will later part to every important in

What is Jesus foreshadowing?

His own death and resurrection do like has been defeated

Why would 79 or Le Gospel writer do this?

It is a massive decorded it. Precedent shows that it was always a possibility and there is much more believable.

Activity 12

Biblical text	Genre	
Proverbs chapter 4	Advice Book	
Deuteronomy chapter 5	Law book	
Jonah	Adventure story	
Habakkuk	Prophecy	
1 Samuel chapter 17	War story	C L.
Joshua chapter 6	War story	Stu
Song of Songs chapter 2	Love P	
Numbers chapter 26	am ly history	
Psalms 149 27 157	Songs	
Judges ch. 199	Drama/Action	

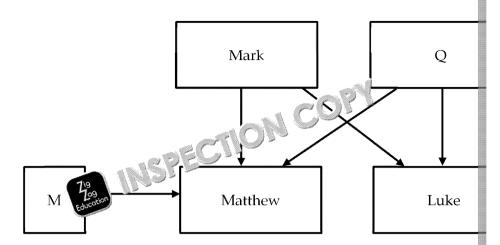
Activity 13

It is unlikely that the students will write identically. It should lead on to a discussion two different gospels should be the same.

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The Four-source hypothesis

Q is the postulated document recording the sayings of Jesus. M and L are sources exclusive to Matthew and Luke. M and L disappear for the two-source theory.

Activity 15

Purpose

John uses extended theological dialogue and symbolic in tead of sayings. It also philosophy.

When they were written

John was writing a graph after the others. There were decades for people to regospels.

Difference in material

John both omits a significant amount of the stories of the other gospels and adds a material. This includes narrative parables in the former and the resurrection of Laz

Literary style

John is a more reflective gospel, not a descriptive narrative like the synoptics. This of the significance of events witnessed first-hand but not realised at the time.

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These are just some suggestions, not prescriptive answers.

Activity 16

(a few examples)

- a) Jesus as Christ John 1:25, 20:31
- b) Jesus 2 79 on 3 God John 1: Education 20:28, 31
- c) Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture John 1:23, 19:24, 28, 36



Examples

The world is a stage.

We all play parts in the story that unfolds around us. But we don't go offstage and not be an audience.

His words were candyfloss.

He says sweet and sugary things that are not not focus in the end. Candyfloss de

Britain is a melting pot.

Britain is ethnically a raily diverse. It is not a pot where things are melted by

Life is a roll Education

Life has its ups and downs. On a rollercoaster you can see where you're going and

Their home was a prison.

They felt trapped inside. It probably doesn't have locks, bars and guards to keep t

Students are often guilty of pigeon-holing or boxing things they have learned in or extensively and this should prepare them for it.

Activity 18

What is the obvious literal meaning of the passage?

That Christians can eat non-kosher food.

Christians were having a debate about whether report in Gentile) Christians law at this time. How might this vision related to the suggests that they shouldn't have a suggest that they should

Christians de har abitions on wearing clothes of mixed material, eating and milk and milk and my women stay in the home when they are menstruating. This 'What God learn, you must not call profane.' How might this passage homosexuality?

Some Christians take this to mean that Christians do not have to follow any of the God made homosexual people as they are, God does not consider them unclean.

Activity 19

- Students might write a story that eliminates the supernatural elements, but lead those who follow God will not have to worry about their physical needs being have their spiritual needs being met.
- 2. Demythologising may be important as it allows a more scientific perspective real historical Jesus to be discovered, and the key moral teachings of the Gosp and moral values of their writers.

Activity 20

The students will need a sea in order to complete this task.

Luke 14:7–2 Luke nullity and hospitality / the parable of the great dinner – a great

Luke 18:1–30 – Jesus teaches the Pharisees, and the rich young ruler – not necessari attached to their possessions

Luke 23:39–43 – Jesus talks to those crucified with him – paradise

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Hopefully, the students should think about some of the kingdom being in all three with congregation and 'heaven'.

Activity 22

Nelson Mandela – Freedom fighter held for a long time in in after rebelling ag Gandhi – Indian leader who was imprisoned for copy is pritish rule in India and Aung San Suu Kyi – Democratic political whose father was too (and murder Bertrand Russell – philosophy to whose father was too convince people, incirct World War

Governmen Education t as a means of control over the rest of the population. It often w

Activity 23

Why was it wrong to work on the Sabbath?

It goes against the Commandments.

Why did Jesus do it?

He considered healing someone and giving them a better life more important at the

Think of two situations where it is more important to do what it right instead of Hopefully, students will think of both unjust laws and freak circumstances.

Activity 24

Why do people often stay quiet about the corrup of the have seen?

Fear of reprisal, fear of being noticed, this was benefit from keeping quiet, d

Why did Jesus scare the day authorities in his time?

He was una 19 0 5 a out no matter what the cost.

Extension – Find a passage in the Gospels where Jesus exposes corruption in the rehappens as a result?

The cleansing of the Temple should be the obvious story here.

Activity 25

This task is intended for serious reflection and to enable students to link to their w

Activity 26

Most of these symbols should be familiar to the students but those with a dual meanure than one thing. It should provide a discussion about things that are used to

- 1. Bread and wine / the Eucharist symbol c C ris _ acrifice / Christ's body ar
- 2. The crucifix symbol of Jesus' deril to mankind.
- 3. The Aum symbol for the (in) creation and also used by Hindus as a syr other Eastern feith.
- 4. The W 19 D. nana symbol of the Noble Eightfold Path.
- 5. The cro ducation mbol of Jesus defeating death and rising again.
- 6. The cross of St George Flag of England and other places with St George as p English nationalists and racists.
- 7. Thumbs up symbol expressing things are good.
- 8. Danger of death symbol advising caution in a place.

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9. The All-seeing Eye – symbol of the mythical Illuminati conspiracy and used by Eye of Providence (God's eye) on money in the US.

- 10. The trinity symbol expressing the mystery of the Christian concept of the tri
- 11. The cross of St Peter Christian image of an inverted cross symbolising the w crucified. Sometimes used by those wishing to have an 'anti-Christian' symbolising the world in the cross of St Peter Christian image of an inverted cross symbolising the world in the cross of St Peter Christian image of an inverted cross symbolising the world in the cross of St Peter Christian image of an inverted cross symbolising the world in the cross of St Peter Christian image of an inverted cross symbolising the world in the cross of St Peter Christian image of an inverted cross symbolising the world in the cross of St Peter Christian image of an inverted cross symbolising the world in the cross of the cros
- 12. Copyright symbol showing that a piece of work is protected by law from be monetary gain.

Activity 27

Why did the Romans crucial ne Jewish authorities would have stoned he Political criminal will be relied. The Jewish authorities were not allowed to perform vassal of Romans crucial new performance in the Jewish authorities were not allowed to perform vassal of Romans crucial new performance in the Jewish authorities would have stoned he political criminal new performance in the Jewish authorities would have stoned he political criminal new performance in the Jewish authorities were not allowed to perform the performance in the Jewish authorities were not allowed to perform the Jewish authorities were not allowe

If Jesus has the power of God, why would he let himself be arrested, tried and e His passion served a purpose, becoming more powerful as he allowed it to happen

Would Jesus' message have spread as far as it has and lasted as long as it has will resurrection?

Unlikely. There was no chance for Jesus' message to get diluted by later teaching.

Activity 28

Make a list of ways of surviving death in fiction.

Becoming a vampire, mummy, super-high technology, magic, not really being deal

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Are any of them believable?

Not really.

Why not?

They rely on things that do a a may exist in our world.

Why make

They could be been in denial. They could have realised they were on to a good to

Would it be worth it?

Debatable. There may be good arguments on both sides.

Why not go back to your old life?

This would probably have made them feel like massive failures. They may have be

Activity 29

Hopefully, the students will be creative and include people substitutions, drugs, biimposters.

Activity 30

Who is being prioritised and where

The poor, needy, homely and have no does.

Will anyone safter as a result?

Yes, it is both costly and potentially dangerous to follow this teaching.

Should Christians follow this example today? Why?

Yes, because it is what Jesus both taught and did and Christians look to follow Jesu

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Give two examples of Christians doing this and two examples of them not doing Food banks and social justice movements.

Accumulating wealth in the churches and preaching against people in some group

Activity 31

What is the ethical message?

We should help all in need as they are our neighbours and humans. We should best for them.

Which two ways does it challed

Samaritans were hat the value of s.

Being pure 79

ua 🕽 clean was important in Jewish life.

How does this parable challenge the Jewish authorities specifically?

It suggests they are focused on the wrong things and not fit for purpose.

Activity 32

Students should be able to easily identify times and places where these people are understand why it is important for them to keep abreast of current affairs in order

The students may consider the different protest movements or alternative ideas of express his solidarity.

Which groups find this teaching challenging? – Try to focus this on governments Jesus in a counter-cultural sense.

Activity 33

Activity			
Model	Name of Model	vantages	
1	Feducator 6	Certainty and security that you are on the right path, confidence when condemning others.	Many conflicts within Christia right. Price of b insights that of
2	Inclusive	Feeling of 'superiority', fewer conflicts with those of other faiths.	Others see you
3	Plural	Easier to interact with others of faith, you can use other traditions to explore and to help your understanding.	Seems to water way, the truth a makes your rel else's perspecti equally valid.

Activity 34

Students will need a bible for this task.

What would you suggest Mary is like?

Self-sufficient, thankful, dedia , ta har, brave, caring.

Since the si nty ; She has been portrayed as a repentant sinner, a prostitute her wicked Why do you think she was portrayed this way?

A desire to have an all-male power structure just like other things in the Empire.

A wish to maintain the power of those in charge.

Not understanding the egalitarian message of Jesus.

Reading your own desires into texts.

There are many other reasons too.

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How is she threatening to the Church?

She is a strong female character, an apostle (the first) and a faithful companion of Joshe demonstrates that women can participate as fully in a spiritual life as men, and same roles in Christian life.

She might make women want to be priests or have some control.

Activity 35

Biologically – Focus on genetics and physiole ().

Provided in Focus on identity — Foc

Psychologically – Focus on identity to ir mag and personhood.

Socially – Focus on behavio

Culturally — First thing and job/work/family expectations.

Equality for ent genders and whether gender should always be that defined the Hopefully, students will have an awareness of this and understand that the definition in many regards and will continue to do so.

Students should have covered some of the passages on gender at this point, such a well and Mary and Martha.





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