



RE – Year 6  
 Christianity - What do Christians believe about the Messiah and why is it good news?

Vocabulary		
Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Christian	Prophet	Manna
Christianity	Prophecy	Resurrection
Passover	Fulfillment	Salvation
Community	Sacrifice	Messiah
God	Old Testament	Sin

don't know  
 I know this word  
 I can use it in a sentence

Useful Resources

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/messiah/>  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+16%3A11-15&version=ICB>

**Key Questions that we will be exploring:**

1. Can we predict the future? Are some events easier to predict than others? What is a 'prophet'? What is a 'prophecy'?
2. How is the Last Supper a prophetic event? Which things that Jesus says hadn't happened yet?
3. How do prophecies in the Old Testament relate to the person of Jesus? What impact might Christians' beliefs about Jesus being the Messiah have on the Christian community? What do local Christians say?
4. How does Simeon's story help us to understand some ideas about the Messiah?
5. What did Jesus say about himself? How might this link to some prophecies? How do these images help us to understand more about what Christians believe?
6. Why might Jesus being the fulfilment of all these prophecies be good news for Christians? What impact might it have on the Christian community if these prophecies were not true? What do you think followers of Jesus thought as he talked to them on the Road to Emmaus? (v27)

A prophecy is a message from God that most Christians believe and ancient prophecies in the Old Testament foretell the birth, life and death of Jesus. Jesus fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies, and because of this, Jesus is the 'Messiah'. Jesus himself prophesied his death and resurrection - the words of Simeon relate to prophecies about the Messiah, what Jesus said about himself & how these relate to many Christians' beliefs about Jesus as the Messiah.

