

The message of Jesus spreads

Key learning

- 1 The Book of Acts is a book full of stories about the spread of Christianity. When Christians read the Book of Acts, they learn what the first Christians believed and how they lived.
- 2 Christians give a special name to New Testament story of Jesus ascending into heaven. They call it the Ascension.
- 3 Christians believe that an apostle was given power by Jesus An apostle was sent out with a special message. An apostle had power to teach people in the name of Jesus.
- 4 The Book of Acts says that all the gentiles in Cornelius's house believed and were baptised. The message of Jesus was now spreading to Gentiles!
- 5 Christians believe that Jesus destroys the barriers that separate people. They believe that Jesus's message is for all men and women, for all gentiles and Jews; for all people in all places.

Vocabulary

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| 1 | compromise | a settlement of a disagreement in which each side gives up something, or the result of such a settlement. |
| 2 | interrogated | to question at length and in a thorough way, often for an official purpose. |
| 3 | perplexed | puzzled, confused, or uncertain. |
| 4 | persecuted | to continually treat in a cruel or harsh way because of race, religion, political ideas, or some other difference. |
| 5 | devote | to give to a purpose; dedicate. |
| 6 | forbidden | prohibited; not allowed to be entered, touched, eaten, or the like |
| 7 | martyr | a person who chooses to die or be killed rather than give up his or her religion. |

Big Question

How did Christianity develop in the early Church and how do we know?

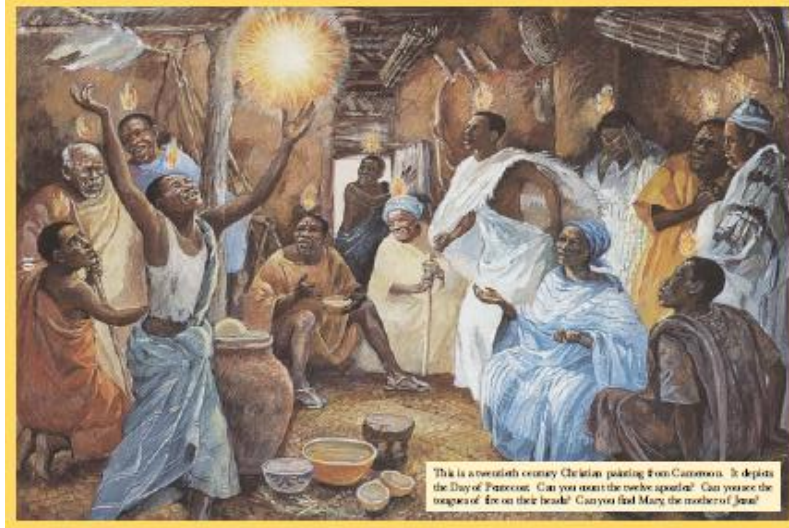
Prior Learning

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| 1 | Christians believe that Jesus Christ was resurrected. |
| 2 | Christians believe in resurrection for all people after they die. This is based on the Gospels and on Saint Paul's writings in the New Testament. |
| 3 | The resurrection of Jesus is the Christian belief that he returned to life by a miracle. He died by crucifixion on Friday and rose from his tomb to new life on Sunday morning. This belief is celebrated at Easter. |

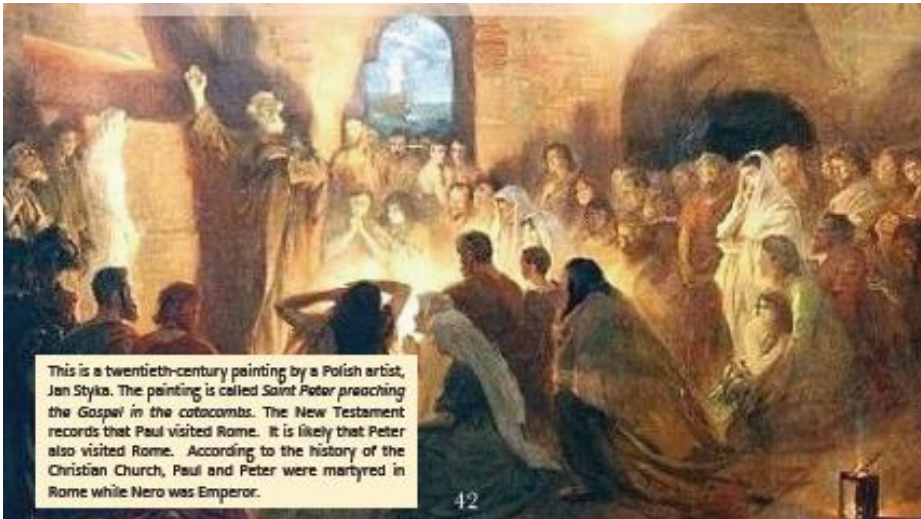




This is a page from a very, very old manuscript called the Rabula Gospel. The manuscript was made by Byzantine Christians in the sixth century. The painting shows what the artist thought the Ascension might have looked like. Find the apostles looking up and pointing. Find Jesus. Find the clouds that have taken Jesus up.



This is a twentieth-century Christian painting from Cameroon. It depicts the Day of Pentecost. Can you name the twelve apostles? Can you name the tongues of fire on their heads? Can you find Mary, the mother of Jesus?



This is a twentieth-century painting by a Polish artist, Jan Styka. The painting is called Saint Peter preaching the Gospel in the catacombs. The New Testament records that Paul visited Rome. It is likely that Peter also visited Rome. According to the history of the Christian Church, Paul and Peter were martyred in Rome while Nero was Emperor.

National Treasures



Canterbury Cathedral is the oldest cathedral in England. It was founded in 597.

Rights of the Child/Global Goals

Freedom of thought and religion (14)

Children can choose their own thoughts, opinions and religion, but this should not stop other people from enjoying their rights. Parents can guide children so that as they grow up, they learn properly to use this right.

Minority, culture, language and religion (30)

Children have the right to use their own language, culture and religion even if these are not shared by most people in the country where they live.