



Timeline of Christianity Throughout History



KEY VOCABULARY

Christian

person who believes in and follows Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ

founder of Christianity, born in Bethlehem. Jesus Christ is believed by Christians to be the Son of God

Messiah

a person chosen by God for an important job – for Jews, the Messiah is the King of the Jews, who will be sent to them by God, for Christians, the Messiah is Jesus Christ

Pagan

term first used in the fourth century by early Christians for people in the Roman Empire who worshipped many gods

Catholic

a branch of Christianity that follows the rulings of the Pope

The Pope

the bishop of Rome and head of the Catholic Church

pilgrimage

a journey to a special place for a religious reason

missionary

person sent on a religious mission, especially to promote Christianity in a foreign country

The Reformation

a time in Christian history when different people tried to change (reform) the Catholic Church and fight corruption

**The Scientific
Revolution**

a change in the way people thought in the 17th century, which introduced many of the foundational ideas of modern science

scholarly

valuing knowledge, being aspirational, and feeling prepared

The Renaissance

a time, about 500 years ago, when people in Europe got very excited about learning, art and new ideas – they started to study nature, science, buildings and even the human body in new ways

Key Figures



Paul (Saul)

Paul spread Jesus' message through the Roman Empire (and many of his letters to the Early Church can be found in the New Testament)



Charlemagne

As emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, he spread and strengthened the Christian faith across Europe during the early Middle Ages



Martin Luther

Luther tried to improve Christianity in different ways, including translating the Bible into German so ordinary people could read it