

Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?

What do we know about Jesus' life story?

Learning objective:

To identify similarities and differences in the way in which Jesus has been portrayed.

If you were writing a book about someone what important details would you include?

There are four famous books about Jesus' life, called '**Gospels**'.

These are named after the writers:
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John.

The gospels can be found in the Bible.

Gospel means '**Good News**'.

In what ways might Jesus' life story be 'good news'?

How do we know what Jesus looked like?

The Gospels say a lot about what Jesus said and did, but there is no written description of what he looked like. Paintings of Jesus were not done until maybe 150 years after his death.

All the images that we see of Jesus are influenced by the artist's experiences, beliefs, and background.

Images of Jesus

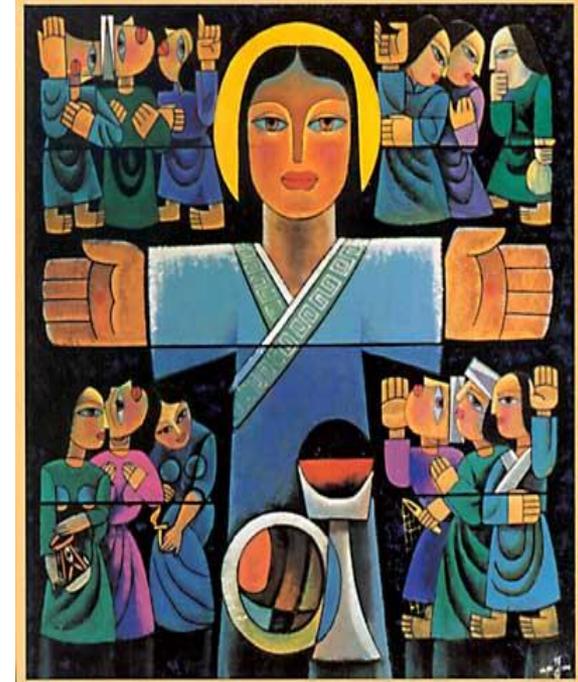
There are many different ways that artists show Jesus. For example, some Indian Christians paint an Indian Christ. Africans and European may paint a black or white Jesus.



A Chinese painting of Christ.



A representation of Jesus as a Masai warrior.



A Mexican representation of the Crucifixion

Use the pictures on the next slide and discuss the following questions.

- What do you notice about the way that Jesus is drawn in the picture?
- What do you think the artist is trying to say about the picture?
- What do you think the artist is trying to say about Jesus?
- What information did the artist get from the Bible?

Images of Jesus during Holy Week



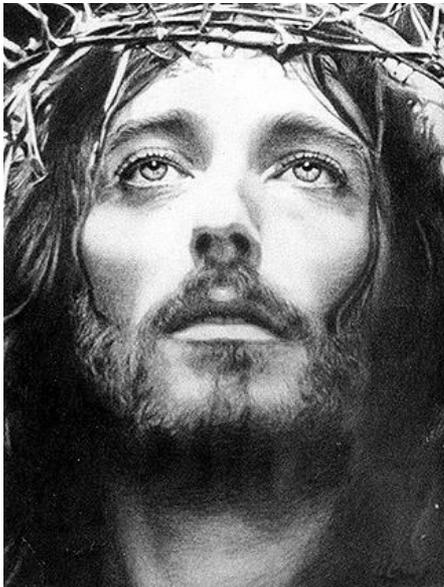
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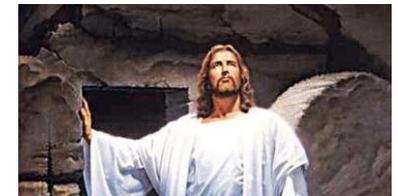
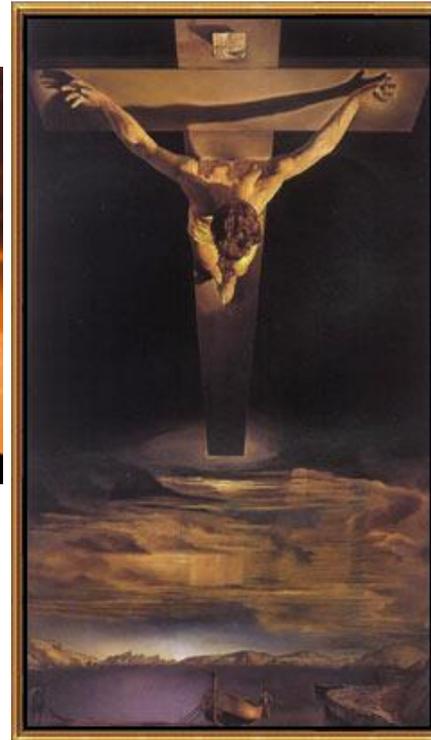
Maundy Thursday



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Good Friday



Easter Sunday

Task:

Create your own picture of Jesus during Holy Week. Think carefully about what you want to show about Jesus. Think about the setting for your picture and what you want Jesus to be doing. Write why you have chosen to draw Jesus the way you have.

Extension:

Create a different picture of Jesus during Holy Week. Show him in a different setting and write the difference between this picture and your first picture.

I look forward to seeing your work.