



# SALVATION RESOURCES UNIT 2B.6

## UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIANITY

UPPER KEY STAGE 2/2B.6

TEXT IMPACT CONNECTIONS





## 2B.6 SALVATION RESOURCE SHEET 1: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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NB: This is an adaptation of the more traditional stations, with a focus on events in the Gospels. See additional prayers for each station:

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### 1. The agony in the garden

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'

**Mark 14:32-36**

### 2. Jesus is betrayed and arrested

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

**Mark 14:43-46**

### 3. Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands".' But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven".' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death.

**Mark 14:55-64**

### 4. Peter denies Jesus

Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today – yes, tonight – before the cock crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."

But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. 'You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,' she said. But he denied it. 'I don't know or understand what you're talking about,' he said, and went out into the entrance. When the servant-girl saw him there, she said again to those standing round them, 'This fellow is one of them.' Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, 'Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.' He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, 'I don't know this man you're talking about.' Immediately the cock crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the words Jesus had spoken to him: 'Before the cock crows twice you will disown me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

**Mark 14:66-72**

### 5. Jesus judged by Pilate

Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**Mark 15:14-15**

### 6. Jesus is whipped and crowned with thorns

And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

**Mark 15:17-19**



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### 7. Jesus carries his cross

After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

**Mark 15:20**

### 8. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the cross

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

**Mark 15:21**

### 9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

**Luke 23:27-31**

### 10. Jesus is crucified

And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

**Mark 15:24**

### 11. Jesus promises heaven to the thief who says sorry

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

**Luke 23:39-43**

### 12. Jesus on the cross, talks to Mary and his friend

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**John 19:26-27**

### 13. Jesus dies on the cross

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

**Mark 15:34-37**

### 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

**Mark 15:46**

### 15. Jesus rises from the dead

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**Mark 16:4-8**



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### 1. The Agony in the Garden

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### 3. Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin

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### 6. Jesus is whipped and crowned with thorns

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### 7. Jesus carries his cross

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### 9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

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### 10. Jesus is crucified

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### 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

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### 15. Jesus rises from the dead

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## 2B.6 SALVATION RESOURCE SHEET 2: RESPONSIBILITY PIES

### WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR JESUS' DEATH?

Select six likely candidates from the table below (or add other ideas of your own). Shade in slices of the pie chart according to how much responsibility you think each person/group has. Colour-code your slices, matching them with a description of who is responsible, how much, and why.

A large circle with a central dot, surrounded by six empty rectangular boxes for labeling. The boxes are arranged in two columns of three, flanking the central circle.

Pilate

Judas

Love

The Sanhedrin

The crowds

The soldier with  
the hammer

God

Jesus himself

All people



## 2B.6 SALVATION RESOURCE SHEET 3: SETTING THE SCENE

### FOUR PERSPECTIVES

#### A Bearing a burden

Tom is carrying a rucksack. It is heavy and he cannot take it off. He feels as if he has been carrying it for ever. The straps dig into his shoulders and the heavy bag gets in the way as he goes through the day.

**Talk about:**

- How would Tom feel?
- What would it be like to carry such a burden?
- What would he like to happen?

**Act out:**

- Imagine you have this burden; what is it like to be weighed down?

One day, along comes Joshua. He offers to take the rucksack, if Tom would like.

**Talk about:**

- How does Tom feel about the idea of getting rid of the bag?
- What does Tom say?
- How does it feel to have the weight lifted off? How does Tom feel towards Joshua?
- What might he do in response?
- Which words might you use to describe what Joshua has done?

#### C Lost

Imagine you're on holiday with some friends and have gone walking alone in some woods one afternoon. It's peaceful and calm as you walk deeper into the woods. Gradually, as the sun goes down and the shadows lengthen, you realise that you don't know where you are.

**Talk about:**

- Have you experienced being lost?
- How did you feel?
- What thoughts might go through your mind in the story above?
- What sights and sounds would you experience as darkness falls?

As the hours go by and your panic increases, the light goes and you are left in darkness. Eventually you hear a voice calling your name and you see a light through the trees. You call out, and the light comes towards you. It is one of your friends, Joshua, who has been out searching for you and who knows the way back out of the wood.

**Talk about:**

- How would you describe the moment you heard the voice, then saw the torchlight, then saw your friend coming towards you?
- What might the two of you say to each other?

#### B Stepping in

Rachel is walking to school one cold winter morning, when there is a terrible accident. A car starts skidding on some ice, heading straight for her.

**Talk about:**

- In that instant, how does Rachel feel?
- What does she fear?
- What does she hope for?

Just then, Joshua, who was walking a few steps behind her, dives forward and pushes Rachel out of the path of the oncoming car. The car hits Joshua instead. An ambulance is called. Joshua is taken to hospital with serious injuries. A few days later, Rachel visits Joshua in hospital.

**Talk about:**

- Why would Joshua do such a thing?
- How might Rachel feel about what has happened?
- What could Rachel do to show her gratitude?

#### D Taking someone's place

Sam is in trouble! After messing about with some friends, Sam has broken a window at school. The only problem is, Sam is often in trouble, and this is the latest in the long line of such accidents. This might be the last straw – perhaps Sam will face serious punishment now.

**Talk about:**

- How does it feel when someone knows they've done wrong?
- What if they have let down someone they respect and know they have to face the consequences?
- How does it feel when someone knows they deserve to be punished, and that this time it's serious?

As Sam realises that it is time to face the head teacher and take his punishment, Joshua, a friend who was nearby, offers to take Sam's place. Joshua is prepared to go to the head teacher and take the blame, taking the punishment and letting Sam go free this time.

**Talk about:**

- Why might Joshua be prepared to take the blame?
- Would Sam accept the offer?
- If Sam accepts, how might Sam respond to Joshua afterwards?

## 2B.6 SALVATION RESOURCE SHEET 4: WHY DID JESUS DIE?

### FOUR PERSPECTIVES

#### A Bearing a burden

Christians generally see sin as a burden. When they don't have the right attitude to God or to others, or if they act selfishly, they often feel guilty. They want to be good, but don't always manage it. They believe that Jesus will take the burden away if they ask him for forgiveness.

*In groups, think of how to act out and present two freeze-frame images – one to express how a Christian might feel when they have upset God, and one showing how they might feel after their sins have been forgiven.*

#### C Lost

Jesus told a story about God being like a shepherd who searches for a lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7). He also described himself as a good shepherd, prepared to lay down his life for his flock, and leading his people to safety (John 10:11-16). Christians also believe that Jesus does not just show them the way to heaven, he actually *is* the way. Through Jesus' sacrifice, he opens the way to heaven. Following Jesus is like being found by someone loving and trustworthy, who leads a person home.

*Individually or in pairs, produce a piece of artwork that expresses the idea of being lost and then found. You might do a collage, using colours and images symbolically. Write a short paragraph explaining your picture and showing how it links to Christian beliefs about Jesus.*

#### B Stepping in

Christians believe that God loves them and that Jesus saves them from a terrible fate – life without God after they die. As a result, they want to please Jesus, and show gratitude for his sacrifice on the cross. This means that they want to follow Jesus' teachings.

*In pairs, look at this list of Jesus' teachings. Come up with an example of an occasion when it would be really difficult to follow this teaching. Take one and draw a short storyboard showing how a Christian might remember Jesus, to help them do the right thing.*

- Do not boast
- Love your enemies
- Do not get angry
- Don't worry about what will happen tomorrow
- Do not spend all your time gathering up riches for yourself
- If someone is ill, look after them.

#### D Taking someone's place

Christians believe that in the Old Testament, God arranged to deal with people's sins through sacrifice. An animal – sometimes a lamb – was offered. The worshipper said sorry for their sins then put their hand on the lamb, a symbol for transferring their sins onto the lamb. The lamb was then killed and the body burned on the altar. The worshipper's sins were gone! It was as if the lamb had taken the punishment for the worshipper. They were now at one with God again.

*Imagine what it would be like to be able to take all the wrong things you have ever done or said, or even thought – to put them onto paper and then burn the paper. As the flames lick upwards, the paper turns black and crumples, the writing disappears, leaving smoke and ash.*

*How would it feel – to let go of the guilt of all those wrong things? Why might someone be happy with this?*



## 2B.6 SALVATION RESOURCE SHEET 5:

# ISAIAH 53

- 1 Who would have believed what we heard?  
Who saw the Lord's power in this?
- 2 He grew up like a small plant before the Lord,  
like a root growing in a dry land.  
He had no special beauty or form to make us notice him;  
there was nothing in his appearance to make us desire him.
- 3 He was hated and rejected by people.  
He had much pain and suffering.  
People would not even look at him.  
He was hated, and we didn't even notice him.
- 4 But he took our suffering on him  
and felt our pain for us.  
We saw his suffering and thought God was punishing him.
- 5 But he was wounded for the wrong we did;  
he was crushed for the evil we did.  
The punishment, which made us well, was given to him,  
and we are healed because of his wounds.
- 6 We all have wandered away like sheep;  
each of us has gone his own way.  
But the Lord has put on him the punishment for all the evil we have done.
- 7 He was beaten down and punished, but he didn't say a word.  
He was like a lamb being led to be killed.  
He was quiet, as a sheep is quiet while its wool is being cut;  
he never opened his mouth.
- 8 Men took him away roughly and unfairly.  
He died without children to continue his family.  
He was put to death; he was punished for the sins of my people.
- 9 He was buried with wicked men, and he died with the rich.  
He had done nothing wrong, and he had never lied.
- 10 But it was the Lord who decided to crush him and make him suffer.  
The Lord made his life a penalty offering, but he will still see his descendants and live a long life.  
He will complete the things the Lord wants him to do.
- 11 "After his soul suffers many things, he will see life and be satisfied.  
My good servant will make many people right with God;  
he will carry away their sins.
- 12 For this reason I will make him a great man among people,  
and he will share in all things with those who are strong.  
He willingly gave his life and was treated like a criminal.  
But he carried away the sins of many people and asked forgiveness for those who sinned."

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## 2B.6 SALVATION RESOURCE SHEET 6:

# WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES JESUS' SACRIFICE MAKE TO CHRISTIANS?

Read the following comments from some young Christians. Then take some sentence starters to help you write a short piece about the idea of Jesus' death as a sacrifice. Choose at least four sentence starters, and at least one from each box.

When I have done something wrong and I ask Jesus to forgive me I feel like a weight has been lifted from me.

Dan, 13

As a Christian I don't feel like I have a load of rules to follow. I want to be more like Jesus. When I'm close to him is when I feel best.

Lois, 12

When I think about Jesus dying it makes me wonder why he was prepared to die for me. I say sorry and thank you every day.

Jacob, 14

Jesus' death is horrible but it shows how much he loves people. I would have to love someone a lot to be happy to die for them.

Aimee, 12

According to Christians the problem for human beings is that...

Most Christians believe that sin...

Most Christians believe that Jesus' death was a sacrifice because...

Christians call Jesus the Lamb of God because...

When explaining the ideas of salvation and sacrifice, Christians might say...

Christians describe how they feel about Jesus by saying...

If Christians really believe this I think that they would...

I would like to ask a Christian...

I can see why Christians might devote their lives to Jesus because...

If more people tried to help others then...

I agree with this because...

I disagree with this because...

I do/do not think that forgiveness/salvation is important because...

One thing I have learned about Jesus from this unit is...

I would like to think a bit more about...

I am not sure about...



