

What is the 'good news' that Christians say Jesus brings? – Part 1

Wonderful words

Christians: people who follow Christianity and believe Jesus is the Saviour who healed the rift between humanity and God.

Jesus: a very important person for Christians; God in the flesh

Matthew: a tax collector who Jesus called to follow him and who left his job as a tax collector.

Fishermen: people who earn a living through fishing

Disciples: a follower of Jesus

Tax Collector: a person who collects money on behalf of the Romans at the time of Jesus.

Peace: freedom from conflict

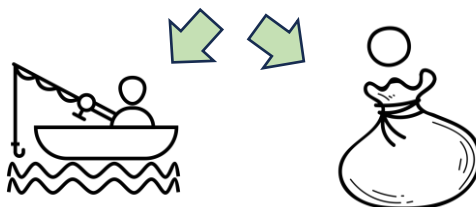
Forgiveness: when someone is stopped being blamed or punished for something they have done

Apostles: the twelve followers of Jesus who went with him during his earthly ministry

So how does it all work?



Called to be world changers.



Love, Peace and Forgiveness
Today



Important information

Jesus chose people from many different roles in life to be his **Apostles**. Jesus often chose people to follow him who were outcasts at the time.

One person he chose was man named **Matthew** who was a **tax collector**. The Romans employed tax collectors to collect money from the people and they were hated as they gave the money to the Romans and kept some for themselves. Jesus showed **forgiveness** to Matthew by asking him to become one of his followers.

Jesus wanted his apostles and **disciples** to be world changers, so like Matthew they would be able to spread Jesus' message of love, forgiveness, and **peace**. Jesus chose people like Matthew as this would show everyone as it showed that anyone who wanted to could change.

Jesus also chose other world changers to help him spread his message of forgiveness, these included the **fishermen**, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew and James and John. As with Matthew these were unlikely people for Jesus to call to be his apostles.

Christians believe that Jesus' message of 'forgive and be forgiven' is still needed today and they will work to show this in all that they do. In Leeds, for example, the Christians at St. George's Crypt have been helping the homeless people for over 90 years and are putting into place Jesus' teaching and following his good news.