

# What kind of world did Jesus want?



Creation

Incarnation

Gospel

Salvation

## Information

The first four people **Jesus** called to follow him were fishermen who were working on the Sea of **Galilee**. Each one of these decided to give up their work and become a **follower** of Jesus. Jesus asked them to become fishers of men. To help people understand how they should live, and the kind of world Jesus wanted, he told them stories with meanings. One of these was the **parable** of the Good **Samaritan**. Each of the four books in the Bible which contain these parables and stories about the life of Jesus is known as a **gospel**. **Disciples** is a name for those who follow Jesus and believe that he is the Son of God. The **clergy** are carrying on the role that Jesus gave his disciples to become fishers of men.

**Evangelists** will go out into the world and tell people all about Jesus and his message so they can follow his example and teaching. A Christian may decide to become a vicar and they work in their local community to tell people about Jesus and to help them as Jesus helped people, such as when he healed the man with leprosy.

## So how does it all work?



Fishers of men



Man with leprosy.



Good Samaritan



Evangelist



Vicar

## Gospel

Christians believe Jesus' incarnation is 'good news' for all people. ('Gospel' means 'good news'.) His life, teaching and ministry embody what it is like to be one of the People of God, what it means to live in relationship with God. Jesus' example and teaching emphasise loving one's neighbour – particularly the weak and vulnerable – as part of loving God.

## Sticky knowledge

Matthew 4: 18 – 19 (Jesus calls his first disciples) teaches Christians to spread God's good news to other people. ★

Mark 1:40-44 teaches Christians that God is concerned about them and will reach out and touch them in times of need. It also reminds Christians that they themselves should be willing to reach out and care for all of those who are shunned by society or are outcasts today. ★

The parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) teaches Christians to treat others as they wish to be treated. ★

## Vocabulary

**Jesus:** the second person of the Trinity or the Son, God in the flesh

**Disciples:** the followers of Jesus

**Follower:** a person who supports and admires a particular person

**Clergy:** all of the people who are ordained for Christian ministry

**Galilee:** a lake in Judea around which Jesus did much of his teaching

**Vicar:** a person in charge of a church

**Parable:** a story with a meaning

**Samaritan:** a person from the land of **Samaria**, a group of people whom the Jewish people disliked.

**Gospel:** the good news about Jesus, a book of the New Testament recounting Jesus' life

**Evangelist:** someone who shares the good news about Jesus through preaching and teaching