



### ***rClyp* Who is Jesus ?**

The parents of Jesus Mary and Joseph, were not run of the mill! Lk 1:26-27  
nor was Jesus' conception: Lk1:38-48

He was born in a humble dwelling, in a country occupied by the Romans.  
Lk2:1-2 Soon after Jesus and his family became refugees: Mt2:13-15, 19-23

As was the tradition for all first born Jewish males Jesus was circumcised,  
and dedicated to God. Lk2:21-24

Faithful Jews recognised from an early age that Jesus had been sent by  
God. Lk2:25-38

A diligent boy, by the age of 12 Jesus was aware of his mission, and the  
power of God at work in him. Lk2:39-50

Little more is know about his life until the age of 30. Lk2:51-5

Jesus cousin John, also had a special mission Mtt 3:1-7

The two meetings between Jesus and John were both significant: Lk1:39-44,  
Lk3:1-22 & Jn1:8-36

Having been baptised Jesus spent time preparing for his ministry: Mt4:1-11,  
Mk1:12-13, Lk4:1-13 Which he began at the age of 30. Lk3:23

Jesus called people to accompany him on his mission: Mt4:18-22, Mk1:16-20,  
Lk 5:1-11, Jn 1:35-51

He grew up in Nazareth, but his ministry took him around the Galilee  
region where he engaged with people in many different ways to fulfil the  
will of his Father. He was a fervent Jew,

He was a miracle worker: Mk 4:35-41 & Mk5:1-20,21-43, Mk6:30-44

His companions didn't really understand, but overtime came to recognise  
Jesus as the Messiah: Mtt16:13-20, The crowds hailed him as King: Mk  
11:1-11, but soon after a friend betrayed him: Mt26:14-16, 47-56

His authority was challenged; Mk 11:27-33 and he upset Church leaders,  
Lk 19:45-48, who plotted to kill him: Lk 22:1-6

Jesus gave instructions to his friends: Lk22:14-23; and he experienced fear  
and doubt: Lk22:39-46 He was sentenced to death by his own people:  
Lk23:13-25 and crucified: Lk23:26-49 but came back to life Mk16:1-8  
and appeared to his friends a number of times: Lk16:9-18 before retuning  
to his Father in heaven Lk 16: 19-20

## **Jesus' Life on earth:**

The purpose of Jesus life can be summed up in these brief quotes from John's Gospel:

*'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.'* John 3:16

*Jesus said: 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'*  
John 10:10

### ***Questions to ponder:***

- What is fullness of life for me?
- When are the times I have felt the happiest in my life?
- When have there been times I have felt alone, lacking life and energy?
- Have I ever wondered if life is really worth living – if so how did I overcome this?

### **Discipleship today:**

Jesus came into the world to show God's love for all creation, especially humanity. To be his followers, his disciples we need to do the same. That may seem a tall order, for me, an ordinary human being. True, but the Reflection text: ***One solitary Life***, highlights how much of an ordinary life Jesus lived too.

Discipleship is God's initiation not ours. Those who are called to be disciples will have had a direct encounter of some kind with God, or the sense of being of being called by God. Disciples have a sense of direction; one that very often is not the direction in which the world seems to be heading. It is only through God's grace and help that we can achieve all that God desires of us.

Taking part in these enquiry sessions was your positive response to God's invitation. We hope you feel welcome, and comfortable in the new space you have entered. If at times you feel a little confused or downhearted, please do not walk away. Talk to one of the team members to see how we can better support you on the journey.

Also remember that ***Jesus, is our companion on the journey***: he is there to help us through the difficulties, if only we trust I him.

## **Footprints:**

One night a man had a dream.  
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.  
Across the sky flashed scenes of his life.  
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
He noticed that many times along the path of his life  
there was only one set of footprints.  
He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and  
saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it.  
"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you'd walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life,  
there is only one set of footprints;  
I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child,  
I love you and I would never leave you.  
During your times of trial and suffering,  
when you see only one set of footprints,  
it was then that I carried you."

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