



# Religious Studies

## Y8 Summer 1: To the Ends of the Earth

### Key vocabulary

<b>Resurrection</b>	The Christian belief that after his crucifixion and death, Jesus rose again to life.
<b>death</b>	The permanent end of a person's physical life.
<b>judgement</b>	The judgement an individual person faces at the moment of their death is known as particular judgement and determines whether their soul goes to heaven, purgatory or hell.
<b>heaven</b>	An eternity in God's presence.
<b>hell</b>	The eternal absence of God's presence.
<b>purgatory</b>	The condition a soul enters when in need of purification before entering the presence of God.
<b>funeral rite</b>	The ceremonies carried out when an individual dies and is laid to rest by the Church.
<b>requiem</b>	The name given to a Mass for the dead, often used for a Mass that contains a funeral rite.

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

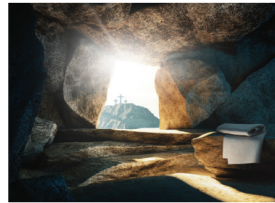


"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### The Resurrection of Jesus

Jesus' resurrection is described, slightly differently, in all four Gospels in the Bible.

What happened?	Why is it significant?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the day of Jesus' resurrection, <b>Jesus' female disciples return to his tomb to find it is empty</b>. Two angels appear to them and <b>explain that Jesus has risen</b>.</li> <li>After his resurrection, <b>Jesus appeared to many of his disciples</b>, who often struggled to understand what had happened to him.</li> <li>For example, in the story <b>On the Road to Emmaus</b>, Jesus appears to two disciples travelling to Emmaus, yet they don't recognise him until he breaks bread with them.</li> <li>With the help of Jesus' words and faith, his disciples came to understand that Jesus overcame death.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christians believe that the details of the empty tomb provide evidence for the unique nature of Jesus' resurrection: <b>Jesus rose from the dead, body and soul</b>. His resurrected body is <b>glorified</b> and uncorrupted by death.</li> <li>The Church teaches that the account of the empty tomb is a <b>sign of Jesus' physical resurrection and an actual historical event</b>.</li> <li>The Church calls the Resurrection <b>the central and crowning truth of the Christian faith</b>.</li> <li>Catholics believe the Resurrection is important because it is <b>an essential belief for all Christians and the source of hope for the future</b>.</li> </ul>



### What happens after death?

The Church teaches that:

- Humans are made up of a physical body and an immortal, spiritual soul.
- Immediately following death, particular judgement happens: God judges the way a person has lived their life and shown love to others.
- As a result of this judgement, their soul will go to either heaven, hell or purgatory.
- Those who go to purgatory will ultimately reach heaven but first have to experience purification.
- On the Last Day of Judgement, when Christ returns, all souls will be unified with their physical bodies and be subject to a final judgement.

### Baptism and funeral rites

Belief in the Resurrection and life after death influences Catholic practices and celebrations.

Baptism	Funeral rites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catholics believe that when a candidate is immersed in the holy water, this <b>symbolises the death and burial of old life and resurrection into new life</b>.</li> <li>Catholics believe that Baptism is <b>necessary for salvation</b>: without the death of their sinful life, they cannot accept the new life offered by the resurrected Jesus.</li> <li>A <b>baptism of desire</b> is when God chooses to save a person who did not receive the Sacrament of Baptism.</li> </ul>	<p>The Catholic funeral rite has three key purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>To celebrate the Catholic hope for eternal life.</b></li> <li><b>To reassure those who are grieving of God's mercy and love.</b></li> <li><b>To pray for the person who has died to receive God's forgiveness.</b></li> </ul> <p>Catholic funeral rites usually have three stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Vigil of Prayer</b>: praying for the deceased and those grieving.</li> <li><b>The Funeral Liturgy</b>: often a requiem Mass in the church.</li> <li><b>The Committal</b>: burial at the cemetery.</li> </ul>

