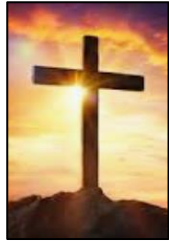


IS CHRISTIANITY STILL STRONG AFTER 2000 YEARS?



Christianity



The Cross

- The cross is the most important symbol in Christianity.
- It helps Christians to remember that Jesus Christ died on the cross, in order to make up for the sins of humans.
- The Romans crucified Jesus along with some other Jewish rebels, because they thought that he might lead an uprising against them.
- They were wrong. In fact, Jesus was a man of the people, who wanted people to live in a kind and loving way to one another. He knew that he would die on the cross.
- Afterwards, God brought him back to life. This is why Christians celebrate Easter.

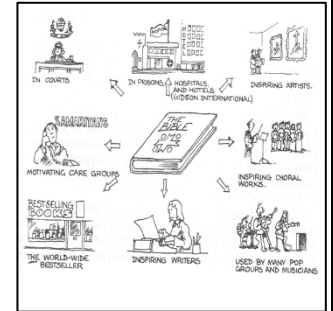


Other Special Christian Objects & Symbols

- There are many other special objects in the Christian faith:
- The Bible is the holy book of Christianity, containing stories and hymns.
- Baptismal certificates show that a person has become a Christian.
- Stained glass windows often show images of Christian stories & beliefs.
- There are also many symbols in Christianity:
- Eggs, bunnies, chicks and daffodils are used at Easter time to present new life - Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified.
- Candles are often used to demonstrate how Jesus lighted up the Earth.

The Importance of the Bible for Christians

- Christians refer to the Bible as the word of God.
- Some take the words in the Bible as God's actual words, whilst others consider the Bible as the words of those inspired by God.
- Likewise, some Christians take every word in the Bible as though they are literally true, whilst others think that parts are figurative (not meant to be taken literally, but make a point). Whatever their outlook, all Christians agree that the Bible inspires and educates them in how they should live their lives.



The Ten Commandments

1. Worship no god but me.
2. Do not bow down to any idol or worship it.
3. Do not use my name for evil purposes.
4. Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.
5. Respect your father and your mother.
6. Do not commit murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not accuse anyone falsely.
10. Do not desire anything that another owns.