Y6 Thinking like a Theologist

Christianity





Key Knowledge:

- Christians believe that Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. Christians believe the angel Gabriel told Mary she would have a special baby in an event called the Annunciation.
- Mary showed faith, trust and free will. She accepted God's plan when she said, *"Let it be to me according to your word."*
- Christians believe Jesus was both human and divine. The Incarnation is the belief that God became human in the person of Jesus.
- Christians interpret Mary's significance in different ways. Catholics, Orthodox Christians and Protestants all respect Mary but express their beliefs about her differently.
- Mary remains significant to many Christians today. She is seen as an example of faith, courage and obedience, and Christians continue to honour her through prayer, worship, feast days and icons.

Key Vocabulary:

Annunciation - The angel Gabriel telling Mary she would be the mother of Jesus.

Incarnation - The belief that God became human in Jesus.

Free Will - The ability to choose and make decisions.

Virgin Birth - The Christian belief that Jesus was born to Mary, who was a virgin.

Divinity - The nature of being God.

Icon - A religious image used to help Christians worship and reflect on faith.

Learning Questions

Enquiry Question:

How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?

What does the Nativity story tell us about Mary?

Why is Mary important in Christian belief?

How do Christians interpret the Annunciation and Mary's response?

How might Mary's role influence Christian beliefs about Jesus?

How do Christians view Mary differently?

Evaluation: How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother?