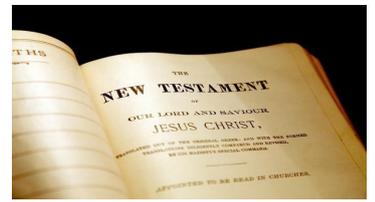


# New Testament



## Edexcel Religious Studies Syllabus Pages 24-30

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### Your assignment

Produce a 2,000 word essay **OR** a 20 slide PowerPoint presentation to answer the question  
**Why did Jesus die on the Cross?**

These links and the following pointers will help you to answer this question:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/beliefs/whydidjesusdie\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/beliefs/whydidjesusdie_1.shtml)

<https://request.org.uk/jesus/did-jesus-have-to-die/>

What we are thinking about:

- ✓ Who was Jesus, according to the Gospel writers? Who did the people think he was? Was he the Messiah? Did some Jews feel let down by Jesus and if so, why? What were they hoping for instead?
- ✓ Who did Jesus come into conflict with and why? Was there a plot to kill him? Why?
- ✓ Why did he have to die when he did? (link to Passover, themes of sacrifice and atonement)
- ✓ Did Jesus know what He was saying 'yes' to when He accepted his mission from God – did He die because He freely chose His destiny?
- ✓ Why did his death have to be public? Why could he not just have died of old age?
- ✓ What theological (religious reasons) were there for his death? Link to the fulfilment of scripture and the prophecies in the Old Testament
- ✓ Think about the **Resurrection** and how it makes sense of Jesus' death.

***This is to be submitted in September along with all the preparation tasks listed below.***

***Your work should be presented in a folder.***

***The more thorough your preparation, the more it will help you throughout Years 12 & 13.***

**These tasks must be completed first before you start answering the assignment question.**

### Your preparation tasks:

- Research the following events and people from the Old Testament

**Write a short paragraph (6-8 lines) about each.**

Abraham and Isaac:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/abraham\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/abraham_1.shtml)

Moses & the Burning Bush, the Exodus,

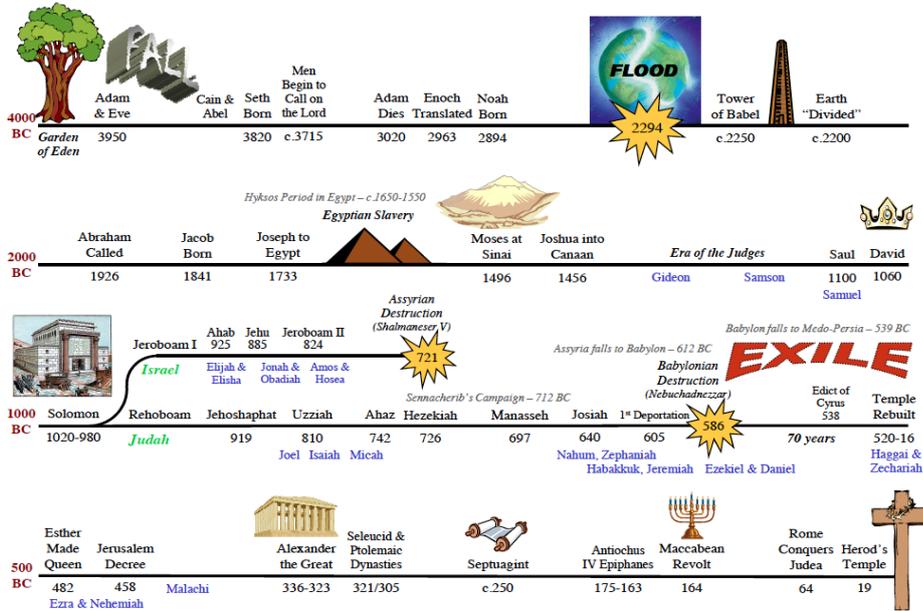
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/moses\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/moses_1.shtml)

The Monarchy (King David and Solomon)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/david\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/david_1.shtml)

The Exile

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/history\\_1.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/history/history_1.shtml)



- Why did some people think Jesus was the Messiah – and others did not?

**Write a paragraph (12-15 lines) outlining what hopes the Jews had for their Messiah at the time of Jesus and how He did– and did not - meet these expectations.**

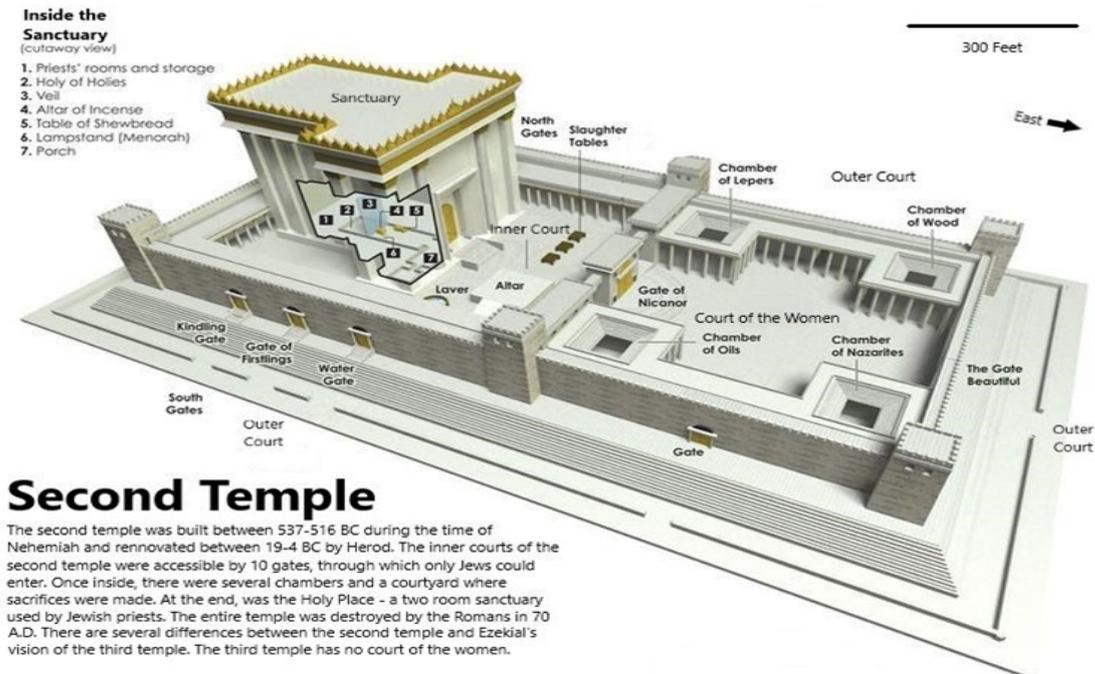
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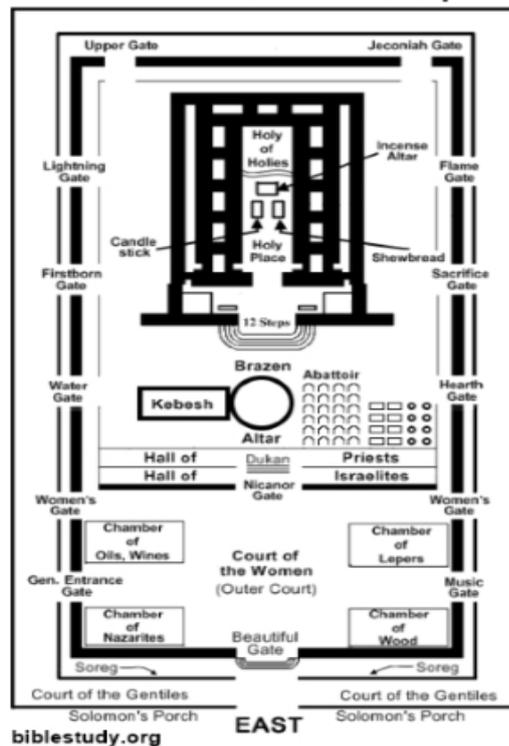
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- Look at the plans of the First Century Temple in Jerusalem.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQQyNVw8Pf4>



## Interior of Jerusalem's Temple



- What function did the Temple have at the time of Jesus?
  - When did Jesus go to the Temple?
  - What happened when he did?
- Write a short paragraph answer (6-8 lines) for each of these 3 questions**  
<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Temple-of-Jerusalem>  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+11&version=NIV>

- What are synagogues?
  - What function did synagogues have at the time of Jesus?
  - When did Jesus go to a synagogue?
  - What happened when he did?
- Write a short paragraph answer (6-8) lines for each of these 4 questions**  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synagogue>  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1&version=NIV>

- Find out about the key people in Jesus' life and ministry.  
**Complete a short profile (5 -6 lines) on each of them:**

John the Baptist

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zjrr2sg/revision/7>

Peter

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/history/disciples\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/history/disciples_1.shtml)

Judas

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/thepassion/articles/judas.shtml>

Pilate and Caiaphas (were the Jews and the Romans both responsible for the death of Jesus?)

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/history/whokilledjesus\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/history/whokilledjesus_1.shtml)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/thepassion/articles/caiaphas.shtml>

- Research the 3 topics listed below  
**Write a short paragraph (8-10 lines) on each of the 3 topics**  
 Sacrifice  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zdwj382/revision/2>  
 Link back to Abraham and Isaac: How did Isaac prefigure Jesus?  
 Isaac prefigured Jesus' crucifixion because he carried the wood for his sacrifice. Just as Jesus carried His wood (cross). Isaac was also Abrahams only son just as Jesus is God's only son.

Atonement

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zf9g4qt/revision/5>  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/beliefs/whydidjesusdie\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/beliefs/whydidjesusdie_1.shtml)

Passover

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8/articles/zn22382> (nice and simple!)  
[https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/passover\\_1.shtml](https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/judaism/holydays/passover_1.shtml)

- Research the 2 main Jewish groups at the time of Jesus: Pharisees and Sadducees.

What were their main beliefs?  
 Where were they based?  
 How important were they?  
 What was their relationship with Jesus like?  
 Why did they oppose him?

**Write approx. 1 side of A4 on each group, answering the 5 questions**

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[http://www.bbc.co.uk/thepassion/articles/jewish\\_perspective.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/thepassion/articles/jewish_perspective.shtml)  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zhmhcqt/revision/1> (pages 1&2)  
[https://getrevising.co.uk/grids/sadducees\\_and\\_pharisees](https://getrevising.co.uk/grids/sadducees_and_pharisees)

- What was the Sanhedrin?
- What happened when Jesus appeared before the Sanhedrin?  
**Write a short paragraph (8-10 lines) to answer these questions**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh2dpg8/revision/8>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z6b96v4/revision/4>  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+14%3A53-65&version=NIV>
- Why were the Romans (Pilate) significant in the death of Jesus?  
**Write a short paragraph (8-10 lines) to answer this question**  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh2dpg8/revision/9>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/ztm24qt/revision/10>  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+18-19&version=NIV>

**Reading:** Read John's Gospel. Then read Luke's Gospel and compare the style and format to the Gospel of John.

NB: we have to read the New International Version (NIV) as that is the exam board prescribed translation

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/john/1/>  
<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/luke/1/>

**List 5 similarities and 5 differences between the two Gospels**

