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Little is known definitively about Jesus's early life; however, he was almost certainly baptised in the River Jordan by John the Baptist around 29 CE. This event launched a period of travelling and teaching that lasted between one and three years. Finally, scholars agree that the Roman prefect, Pontius Pilate, ordered Jesus's execution by crucifixion sometime around 30 CE. Make a note about who Jesus was and the key moments of his life.

Who Jesus Was and What the Key Moments of His Life Are

For Christians, what makes the key moments of Jesus's life important is that they point towards Jesus's identity as messiah (a title that describes Jesus's role as the saviour of humanity prophesied in the Old Testament), as lord (a title that describes Jesus's role as a master over others and may imply his divinity), and as saviour. Write definitions for "messiah", "lord", and "saviour".

Messiah

Lord

Saviour

2. **How** do the key moments of Jesus's life work?

What does the ministry of Jesus reveal for Christians if the gospel narratives are taken at face value? To answer this question, it is best to divide the events of Jesus's ministry into two significant and essential categories: Jesus's miracles and Jesus's teachings. Make a note about how these categories reveal Jesus's identity for Christians.

| How the Key Moments of Jesus's Life Work | |
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| Miracles | Teachings |
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Jesus claimed that agape was at the heart of God's laws and Jewish teachings, which is a form of selfless, unconditional love that extends to all human beings. This may show Jesus as divine, for who has the authority to reinterpret the divine commandments except God himself? Write a definition for "agape".

| Agape |
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3. **Why** are the key moments of Jesus's life important?

The miracles of Jesus have immense theological significance (i.e. they are essential for understanding the nature of God the Son), and the teachings of Jesus have tremendous ethical significance. Make a note about why the key moments of Jesus's life are important.

| Why the Key Moments of Jesus's Life Are Important |
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