

# Year 8 Term 5: What is so radical about Jesus?

**Theology** = this is about **'believing'**. It looks at where beliefs come from, how they have changed over time, how they are applied in different contexts and how they relate to each other.

**"Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?"**

## Key vocabulary

**Rebel** = a person who rises in opposition or armed resistance against an established government or leader; a person who resists authority, control or convention

**Pharisees** = A Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law.

**Criticism** = The expression of disapproval of someone or something

**Adultery** = cheating on your spouse (husband/wife)

**Parable** = a story told to teach a moral or a lesson

**Radical** = wanting to change an established order or behavior; going against the 'norm'

**Manifesto** = a published declaration of the intentions, motives, or views of the issuer, be it an individual, group, political party or government

**Meek** = Quiet, gentle, and easily imposed on; submissive

**Mild** = Gentle and not easily provoked

**Zakat** = Compulsory giving; 'purification' of the heart from greed; 2.5% of annual income; more of a tax than charity

**Sewa**: Selfless service to others

What evidence do we have that Jesus could accurately be described as 'meek' and mild'?

Jesus definitely didn't take the easy route. He deliberately interacted with those who were considered outcasts in society and those who people shunned and ignored. He was then considered to be an outcast himself!



## Key points

- Roman religion = **polytheist**
- Judaism = **Monotheist**
- Invasion by the Romans
- Taxes enforced
- Revolutions caused war, which results in death and poverty and destruction

## 1<sup>st</sup> century life

- Rome was the largest city in the world
- Jewish girls could marry as early as 12 years old and a day
- Women had almost no legal rights
- Infant mortality rates were very high - only about 75% of babies survived their first year

Equality  
Freedom  
Healing  
LIBERATION

Is there such a thing as a "selfless good deed"?

Why is it important that we understand the 'context' in which Jesus was born, lived and died?

How do these organisations follow Jesus' example of being with those in need?



Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community.

They patrol in teams of men and women, usually from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on a Friday and Saturday night, to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets.

**Jesus cleanses the temple**  
Mark 11:15-19

**"Do not commit adultery"**  
Exodus 20:14

**The parable of the lost sheep**  
Luke 15: 1-7



**A Woman Caught in Adultery**  
John 8:1-11

**"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs"**  
1 timothy 6:10

**"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you"**  
John 15:12



**The rich man and Lazarus**  
Luke 16: 19-31