

# People's Perceptions and Impressions of Jesus

## Key Vocabulary

bread of life

shepherd

light

miracles

symbolic

perspective

impressions

miracles

gospel

Pharisee

Sadducee

blasphemous

crucified

spirituality

faith

tradition

belief

There are a variety of differing perspectives and impressions of Jesus. Jesus used symbolic language to describe himself; he made enemies some of whom were involved in his death. Jesus performed miracles, followers of Jesus, in both past and present time, believe these miracles showed that Jesus was God's son. Jesus was able to perform actions which no ordinary person could.



## Symbolism

As the bread of life, Jesus sustains his followers by filling them up and providing for them.

As light he shows his followers what God wants for them, shows the way to meet God personally and symbolises goodness in the world.

As a shepherd he provides protection, knows people as individuals, provides direction and food.

Luke 22:8-32, John 8:12 John 10 & 11

## Using Bible References:-

The gospel writers present some Jewish people responding in contrasting ways. Some Jewish groups disliked Jesus. E.g. the Pharisees, the Sadducees. Matthew 3:7

Jesus had enemies amongst the rulers of the country and religious leaders. Some people saw Jesus as a threat and many found his claims blasphemous. Luke 5:21

Jesus' actions sometimes made him unpopular. Matthew 21:12-17, Mark 11:20

Particular individuals and groups played a part in the plot to kill Jesus. Crucifixion was the method used to execute criminals. John 19:16, Matthew 26:14

Jesus forgave those people who were against him. Luke 5:20