

## Lesson 2: How do Christians act on Jesus's teachings?

Last lesson we looked at some of Jesus's teaching about wealth and poverty.

*Do you remember what he taught?*

Christians take these very seriously as, for them, Jesus is the most important human to have ever lived, he is, to them, the Son of God and the saviour of humanity.

It makes sense, then, to look to his teachings for how to act. Today we're going to see what Jesus said about how to treat the poor and how Christians put that into action.



Jesus tells his followers pretty plainly how they can get into heaven and have life beyond death with God. When people ask him who will go to heaven he says this:

'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.'

But people are confused, when did they see Jesus hungry? When was he thirsty? When was he in prison? That doesn't make sense.

Jesus says 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'

He is saying that whatever people do for those in need, those on the edges of society, those least important people, they are doing it for Jesus and for God.

Christians believe God created humans and each human has a God-given sense of dignity and worthiness and the special spark of life.



**In this story from the Gospels, what does Jesus tell his followers to do to get into heaven?**

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On this page make notes on the problems people face in each video and how Christians help them to overcome those problems

Problems

How Christians help

Poverty / lack of money



Provide a friendly face to talk to

War and violence



Help with temporary housing