

	<u>Christianity</u>	<u>Judaism</u>
Adherents Called	Christians	Jews
Name Means	followers of Christ (Greek <i>christos</i> , Messiah)	of the Kingdom of Judah
Date Founded	c. 30 CE	c. 1800 BCE (Abraham); 6th cent. BCE (Pentateuch); or 70 CE (destruction of Second Temple) see When Was Judaism Founded?
Place Founded	Southern Levant (modern-day Israel, Palestine, and Jordan)	Southern Levant (modern-day Israel, Palestine, and Jordan) see Where Was Judaism Founded?
Original Languages	Aramaic and Greek	Hebrew
Founders & Early Leaders	Jesus, Peter, Paul	Abraham, Moses

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Expansion	within 60 years, churches in major cities in Palestine, Turkey, Greece and Rome; entire Roman Empire by end of 4th cent.	little expansion; mostly confined to Palestine area throughout history
Schisms	Catholic-Orthodox (1054); Catholic-Protestant (1500s)	Reform-Orthodox (1800s CE)
Branches	Roman Catholic; Eastern Orthodox; Protestant see Christian Denominations	Orthodox, Reform, Conservative see Jewish Sects and Movements
Main Locations	Europe, North and South America, Africa	Israel, Eastern Europe, USA
Christian Adherents	2.2 billion see Christianity Adherents	14 million see Adherents of Judaism
Adherents in USA	159 million	5.6 million

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Adherents in Canada	21 million	350,000
Adherents in UK	51 million	320,000
Texts	Bible (Hebrew Bible + New Testament) see Christian Texts	Hebrew Bible (Tanakh); Talmud see Jewish sacred texts
Hebrew Bible	canonical; called "the Old Testament"	canonical
Apocrypha	canonical (Catholic) or useful but noncanonical (Protestant)	noncanonical but useful
New Testament	canonical	noncanonical

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Creeds	Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed	13 Articles of Faith
Religious Law	canon law (Catholicism)	Halakhah
Religious Authority	Bible; some also look to church fathers, church councils, ecumenical creeds; papal decrees and canon law for Catholics	Bible, Talmud, halakhah
Scripture	views vary: most believe inspired by God; some believe literal Word of God, inerrant in original languages see Christian Doctrines of Scripture	views vary
Prophets	Biblical prophets were true prophets of God	Biblical prophets were true prophets of God
God & Spirits	One God, who is a Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; angels; demons; saints	One God: Yahweh (YHVH) see God in Judaism

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	see God & Spiritual Beings in Christianity	
Spiritual Beings	angels and demons	angels and demons
Revered Humans	saints, church fathers	prophets
Messiah	Jesus Christ is the Messiah awaited by the Jews	the Messiah will come in the future see Jewish Beliefs about the Messiah
Jesus	Son of God, God incarnate, Word of God, Messiah, savior of the world see Christian beliefs about Jesus	false prophet
Birth of Jesus	virgin birth	normal birth

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Death of Jesus	real physical death plus spiritual suffering	normal death
Resurrection of Jesus	affirmed	denied
Second Coming of Jesus	affirmed	denied
Revelation	through Prophets and Jesus (as God Himself), recorded in Bible	prophets, recorded in Hebrew Bible
Human Nature	Created good but all inherit "original sin" from Adam, causing a tendency to evil see Christian Beliefs about Human Nature	two equal impulses, one good and one bad see Jewish views of human nature
Salvation	correct belief, faith, good deeds, sacraments (Protestants emphasize faith alone)	belief in God, good deeds

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	see Christian Beliefs about Salvation	
Predestination	affirmed by most denominations	
Afterlife	Resurrection of body and soul; eternal heaven or hell (most denominations); temporary purgatory (Catholicism) see Christianity on the Afterlife	Not emphasized; views vary: no afterlife, shadowy existence, World to Come (similar to heaven), Gehenna (similar to hell), reincarnation see The Afterlife in Judaism
View of Christianity	true religion	false interpretation and expansion of Judaism
View of Judaism	true religion but with incomplete revelation	true religion
House of Worship	church, chapel, cathedral, basilica, meeting hall	synagogue, temple, schul

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Day of Worship	Sunday	Saturday
Clergy	priest, bishop, archbishop, patriarch, pope, pastor, minister, preacher, deacon	rabbis
Practices	Prayer, Bible study, baptism, Eucharist (Communion), church on Sundays, numerous holidays. see Christian Practices	Circumcision at birth, bar/bat mitzvah at adulthood, observing Sabbath, wearing tallit and tefilin, prayer services see Jewish Rituals and Practices
head covered during prayer	generally no	generally yes (especially men)
Major Holidays	Lent, Holy Week, Easter	Yom Kippur, Days of Awe, Passover
Other Holidays	Christmas, saints days	Chanukah, Purim

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Symbols	<p>Cross, dove, anchor, fish, alpha/omega, chi rho</p> <p>see Christian Symbols</p>	<p>Star of David, chai, hamsa, tree</p> <p>see Symbols in Judaism</p>