



## Jesus the Christ

- † He has miraculous power over sickness, demons, nature, and death.
- † He attracted a group of close friends and followers.
- † He was a powerful preacher who taught about the Kingdom of God.
- † Through his suffering, death, and Resurrection, he opened the gates of heaven.

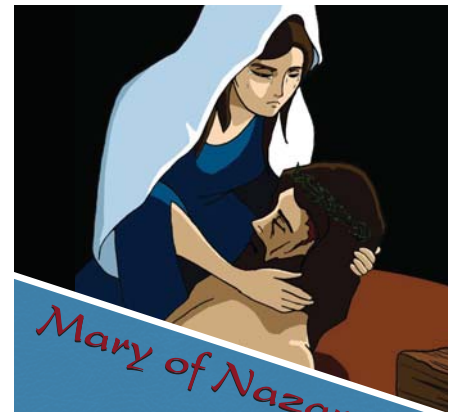
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## John the Baptist

- † He was the cousin of Jesus and the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth.
- † He lived in the desert and ate locusts and wild honey.
- † He baptized repentant people in the Jordan River.
- † His preaching prepared the way for Jesus.
- † He was beheaded for calling the king a sinner.

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## Mary of Nazareth

- † She was a young teen who married Joseph the carpenter.
- † An angel appeared to her saying that without losing her virginity, she would give birth to the Son of God.
- † She said yes to God's plan for her.
- † At the end of her life, she was taken directly into heaven.

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## Mary Magdalene

- † Jesus drove out seven demons from her.
- † She has been wrongly thought of as having been a prostitute.
- † She stood at the foot of Jesus' cross with Mary and John.
- † In John's Gospel, she is the first person to see the risen Christ, and he sent her to tell the Apostles.

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## Paul

- † He was a Jewish Pharisee who persecuted the first Christians.
- † He had a dramatic conversion when Jesus spoke to him from a blinding light.
- † He traveled throughout the Roman Empire and spread Christianity to the Gentiles, the non-Jews.
- † He wrote many letters to the churches he started.

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## Peter

- † He was a fisherman and the brother of Andrew.
- † He was the first to say that Jesus was the Messiah.
- † He denied Jesus three times.
- † He became the leader of the first Christians: the first Pope.
- † He preached the Good News, was jailed, and was crucified upside down.

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## Priscilla and Aquila

- † They were a married couple who were tent makers by trade.
- † They moved from Rome to Corinth because all the Jews were ordered to leave Rome.
- † They became dedicated Christians who were missionaries with Paul.
- † They established a church in Ephesus that met in their house.

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## Timothy

- † He was a young Christian from Asia Minor.
- † His mother, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois, raised him in the faith.
- † He traveled and did missionary work with Paul, Silas, and others.
- † Paul sent him to churches in Thessalonica and Corinth, and he led the church in Ephesus.

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