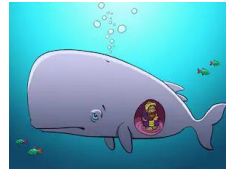


**Prophets** – The people of God keep breaking the rules, God keeps sending them messengers, the prophets. They were called to **see** injustice, **judge** and speak out and **act** to do God's will



**Jonah** learns not to run away from God and that God forgives those who repent, even those who are not 'God's people'.



**Elijah** stands up for God in the midst of persecution and God sends fire so all know God is the only true God and they must turn to God and abandon the false prophets and idols.



**John the Baptist**, he was called the new Elijah because he told the people to return to God and prepared the way for the Messiah.



# Jesus the Messiah



**KEYWORDS:** **Messiah:** The one (blessed with oil) anointed or chosen one. **Incarnation:** God 'made flesh' or born as a human. **Prophet/prophecy:** A messenger from God/a message from God. **The Passion:** The suffering of the last few days of Jesus life. **Resurrection:** Rising from the dead. **Holy Week:** The last week of the life of Jesus. **Salvation.** Being saved from the punishment and eternal death that our sins deserve.

**SCRIPTURE:** "John himself will go ahead of the Lord and make people ready for his coming. He will be powerful like Elijah and will have the same spirit. He will make peace between fathers and their children. He will cause people who are not obeying God to change and start thinking the way they should" Luke 1

In the beginning there was the Word.<sup>[a]</sup> The Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. <sup>4</sup> In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people. John Chapter 1 Verse 1-4



When Jesus died he didn't stay dead he beats death. When Adam and Eve are kicked out of the garden of Eden by God part of the punishment is to die – as life on earth inevitably includes dying. When **Jesus defeats death** he helps make it possible for all those who follow him to beat death as well.

**Jesus the incarnation.** Jesus is born in unusual circumstances a humble birth in an animal barn. Christians believe that Jesus is something very special – they believe he is the Incarnation which means God in human form on earth. In the Bible in John's Gospel it calls Jesus 'The Word'.