

## R&W - Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?

<b>congregation</b>	A group of religious followers who have come together to worship and pray.
<b>Eucharist</b>	A ritual where baptised Christians drink wine or grape juice and eat bread.
<b>evangelising</b>	The act of spreading the word of Jesus.
<b>messiah</b>	A prophesied leader believed to have been promised by God to save Jewish people.
<b>Pentecost</b>	A Christian festival celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit.
<b>the Pope</b>	The leader of the Catholic church, believed to be guided by the Holy Spirit.
<b>resurrection</b>	The action of coming back to life.
<b>sacraments</b>	Religious ceremonies or acts that are outward and visible signs of a person's belief or commitment.
<b>Trinity</b>	God viewed as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



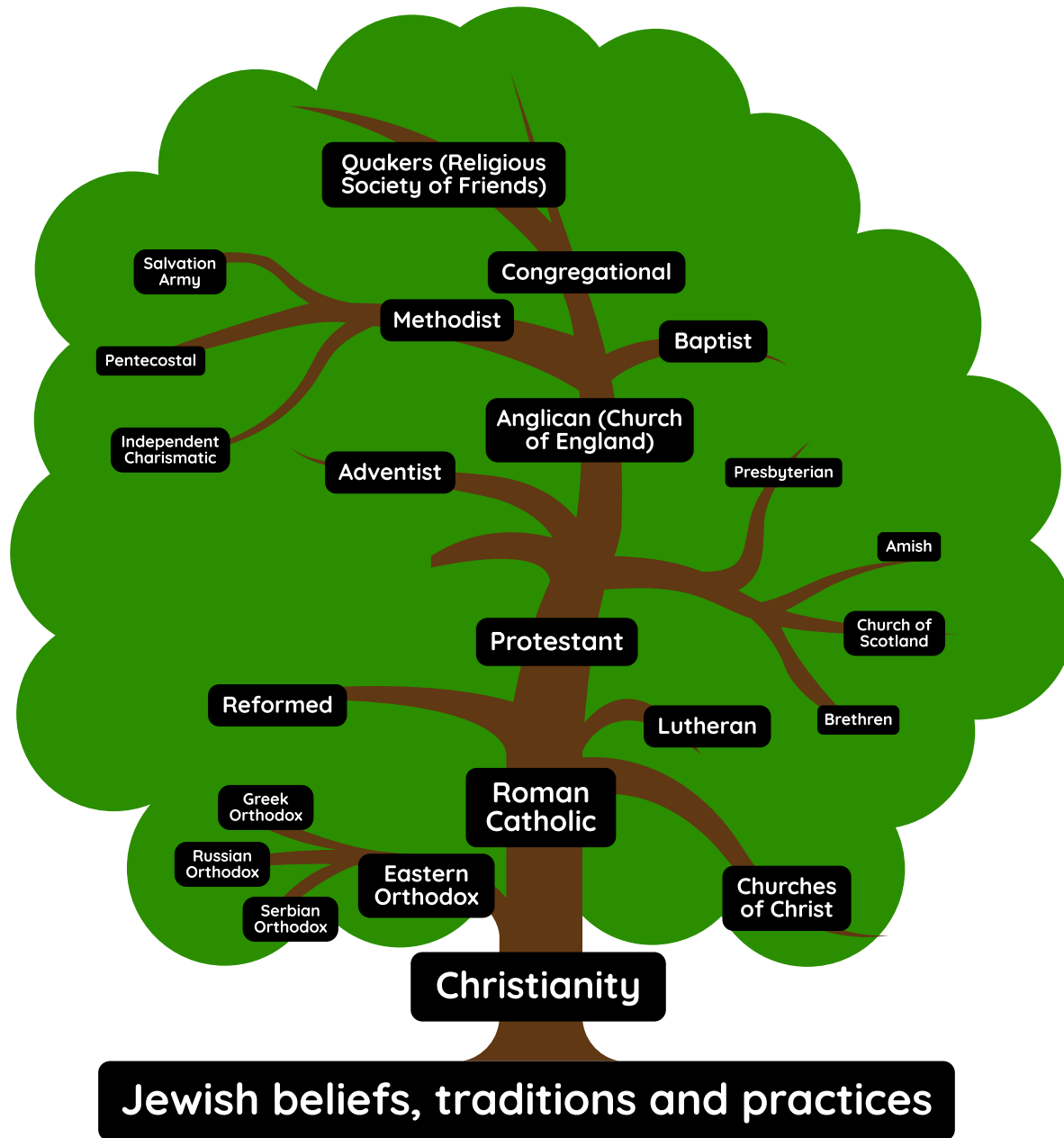
Roman Catholicism was one of the first practising denominations of Christianity. The Pope is based in Rome as this was the centre of the Roman Empire. The first Pope (Peter, one of Jesus' disciples) is believed to have been chosen by Jesus.



Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were Jesus' early followers and recorded many of the stories about Jesus that are now found in the New Testament. These books are referred to as the Gospels.



The Christian worldview originated from Jewish beliefs and practices. Jesus was Jewish and so were his early followers. Christianity grew from differences in beliefs about Jesus as the Messiah.



Over time, different denominations have evolved due to people placing different emphasis on practices and beliefs.

### Catholics

the Pope, the Trinity and traditional practices like the sacraments

### Eastern Orthodox

traditional practices like the sacraments

### Protestant

the authority of the Bible, salvation through God's love

### Anglican (Church of England)

the authority of the Bible, liturgy and sacraments

### Methodist

living a good and selfless life, helping others

### Lutheranism

showing faith, baptism and the Eucharist

### Quakers

the Holy Spirit, quiet worship and peaceful lives

This is not an exhaustive list and there are many other branches and groups of Christians.