



IGNITION GLOSSARY OF BIBLE WORDS

Advocate: This legal term is one way the Holy Spirit is described in John's Gospel. The Advocate (Holy Spirit) vouches for the believer before God and also guides the believer to continually put their trust in Jesus.

Blasphemy: Speaking evil of God. The heart of this is calling God's works evil.

Caesar: The title assumed by rulers of the Roman Empire during the time of Jesus.

Christ: A title given to Jesus meaning 'anointed'. For Jesus to be called the Christ is to say that he is culmination of all Old Testament prophecy that God would fulfil his redemptive plan through a Messiah of his choosing. God had specifically chosen him to be the leader of his people.

Disciple: A follower of Jesus.

Elijah: A prophet (messenger of God) in the Old Testament.

Gentile: Any person not descended from Abraham.

Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity (the Christian godhead is perfectly one, and also three persons: the Father, the Son, the Spirit).

He is unseen but present in the lives of believers, prompting them to put their trust in Jesus and obey the commands of God.

Jews: A group of people descended from the Biblical nation of Israel. Their cultural identity is found in the religion of Judaism.

Lamb of God: A title of Jesus. It refers to the sacrificial system in the Old Testament where an unblemished lamb was sacrificed on the altar as purification for sin. The sacrifice of one lamb represented the cleansing of one person.

Jesus as the Lamb of God can stand in our place and take the punishment our sin deserves (death), and as God, his sacrifice is unlimited in its efficacy for all humans.

Levites: In the Old Testament, the Levites were one of the tribes of Israel specially selected to fulfil the priestly duties.

Messiah (see Christ)

Passover: A festival for the Jewish people in remembrance of the Exodus event in Exodus 12 where God spared them from his judgement on their oppressors (Egypt) and the subsequent rescue from slavery.

Pharisees: The religious leaders of Jesus' day characterised by strict observance of the law.

Pilate: The governor of Judea.

Prophet: A messenger of God.

Rabbi: The Jewish word for 'teacher'.

Sin: The heart of sin is deep unbelief that God is who he says he is and a similar refusal to accept that he is good. Sin is not simply wrong actions and attitudes but a defiance of God's ways in place of our own (making us 'god').

God created us to be in relationship with him, and at a fundamental level that relationship has been ruptured beyond repair by our sin.