



**Who is Jesus?** Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago and we remember this event at the celebration of Christmas. In his life of just over 30 years, he had a ministry for just a short period where he taught, performed miracles and was ultimately put to death by way of Roman execution, which was crucifixion on a cross. Three days after his death, some of his followers went to visit the tomb and found that the entrance was unsealed and that his body was gone. Alive again, Jesus appeared to these first two individuals and many others who told the story of the one who not only taught and lived a righteous life, but also performed a miraculous deed -the greatest being coming back to life after being dead for three days. The church celebrates Easter Sunday because of this event. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God and came to save humanity.

**What is the church?** The church began with the followers of Jesus as they marveled at the incredible things they experienced. They told the stories, recalled his teachings and lived in his example. They met with regularity for worship, study and service. The gathered followers of Jesus is called the church. The events and acts of the early church were recorded and included in latter part of the Holy Bible.

**What is the Holy Bible?** The Holy Bible is the sacred book for Christians. It is comprised of two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the sacred text of the Jewish faith. These are the writings that Jesus would have studied in his faith in the Jewish religion. The writings of the church were added to these original scrolls to make up a Holy Bible for the Christian faith.

**Where is Jesus now?** The Holy Bible tells us that Jesus was taken to heaven and in his place, the arrival of the Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost. It empowered the followers of Jesus to take the message to all corners of the world. We believe that God created, Jesus redeemed and the Holy Spirit sustains the work of God Almighty. We are incorporated into that work when we ask Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. We are set on a path of holiness which leads the follower to attend worship regularly and embody the life of Jesus through humility, peace, forgiveness and service.

**How can I learn more?** Go to our home page and select the "Prayer Request" tab. Indicate that you would like to know more about the Christian faith and how you can be a follower of Jesus. We can also explain more about the different church bodies throughout the world and how North Naples Church fits into this great network of Christian believers. We hope you will make the decision to follow Jesus and have his life bless yours forever!