

manna

the food produced for the Israelites whilst they were in the desert, following their exodus from Egypt

missionary journeys

any journey undertaken by those who seek to spread the word of the gospel

modernism

views which questioned traditional beliefs such as the virgin birth of Jesus, his resurrection, miracles etc.

New Testament

a section of the Bible with 39 books documenting the life of Jesus and the development of the early church

pharisees

a member of an ancient Jewish sect, distinguished by strict observance of the traditional and written law, and commonly held to have feelings of superiority

predestination

the belief that God has ordained all events and circumstances before they have occurred

resurrection

the raising from the dead of Jesus Christ three days after he died; belief in the resurrection is essential to the Christian faith

revivalism

a largely North American movement within the Christian tradition which is aimed at restoring religious devotion

sacrament

a formal religious ceremony conferring a specific grace on those who receive it

salvation

the act of delivering from sin or saving from evil

Samaritans

inhabitants of Samaria who were despised by the Jews

scriptures

sacred religious texts; in Christian tradition, this refers to the Bible

sects

small religious groups that have branched off from a larger established religion and are often characterised by unusual or unorthodox beliefs or practices

secular

not having any connection to religious or spiritual matters

seminaries

theological schools for training ministers, priests or rabbis

sin

any act that falls short of
God's standards of
perfection

stewards

people entrusted with
something in order that
they look after it on
behalf of someone else

synagogues

Jewish places of
worship

temperance

the limited use of (or
complete abstinence
from) alcohol

Ten Commandments

the rules that God
gave to Moses on
Mount Sinai

testimony

when a believer gives his or her own personal account of coming to Christ and what God has done in their life

theology

the systematic study of religion and its influences and the nature of religious truth

twelve tribes of Israel

the twelve family groups of ancient Israel, each traditionally descended from one of the twelve sons of Jacob

Vatican II

a general council of the Catholic church inaugurated by Pope John XXII in 1962 to deal with church affairs