Direction: learn the new words and expressions in your mind, watch the video several times as possible as you can understand, and complete the missing information in the blanks.

What is Christianity, Jesus?

The central tenet of Christianity is the 1) \_\_\_belief\_\_\_\_ that Jesus Christ is the son of God and saviour of humanity. But from what is humanity needs saving? to answer that we go back to the beginning.

Christianity teaches us there is only one God, and that in the beginning God spoke the entire universe into existence. On earth, God creates two people, a man Adam and a woman

Eve. They are to tend the Garden which they live and they are free to eat from any tree except 2) \_\_\_ the tree of knowledge\_\_\_ of good and evil.

Sometime later, Eve was 3) \_\_\_ tempted\_\_\_ by Satan(撒旦) and eats from this tree. Then Adam eats from it, too. It’s at that point that the two become 4) \_\_\_\_\_ aware and understand\_\_\_\_ good and evil. Evidence by a new shame of their nakedness, disobeying God results in them being expelled from the garden of eating and suffering from the effect of death.

Many 5) \_\_\_ generations\_\_\_ after Adam, God chooses a man named Abraham to make him a great nation. A nation that one day will birth a messiah (弥赛亚，救世主) to release mankind from the bondage of sin and death. Our modern 6)\_\_\_ calendar\_\_\_ splits time at approximately the date of the birth of Jesus who Christians(基督徒) believe is the promised messiah.

According to the 7）\_\_\_\_New Testament\_\_\_\_, Jesus was born to a virgin named Mary, lived a sinless life and willingly sacrifice himself as the substitutionary atonement(赎罪) for the sins of mankind. The word atonement is used to describe an act that 8) \_\_atonement\_\_ or erases one’s sins and transgressions.

Three days later, Jesus defeats death by resurrecting from the dead to open heaven to those who believe in him and trust him for the forgiveness of their sins. The resurrected Christ appears to many people over a span of 40 days before he bodily 9) \_\_\_\_ ascends\_\_\_\_ into heaven. From there he rules and reigns(统治) with God the father and sends the holy scripts (圣经) to his followers.

It is also maintained that one day, Jesus will return to this earth to judge all humans living and dead and grant eternal life to those who put faith in him and eternal death to those who don’t. Christians call the messages of Jesus Christ the 10) \_\_\_ gospel\_\_\_, meaning good news. And that is Christianity.

**Enlarge your vocabulary**

tenet n.信条，教义 Christianity 基督教 Christian基督徒

saviour of humanity 人类的救世主

Eden伊甸园 Adam 亚当 Eve 夏娃 Satan 撒旦

tempt v. 引诱， 怂恿， 吸引

naked adj. 赤身裸体的， 裸露的，无遮盖的

expel v. 驱逐， 赶走， 排出

messiah n. 弥赛亚，救世主

release v. 释放

bondage n. 奴役， 束缚， 枷锁

calendar n. 日历

split v. 分裂，分开

sacrifice v. 牺牲

substitutionary adj. 替代的

atonement n. 赎罪

transgressions n. 错误，罪行

resurrect v.复活

forgiveness n. 宽恕

ascend v. 上升

reign v. 统治

eternal adj. 永恒的

gospel n. 福音书