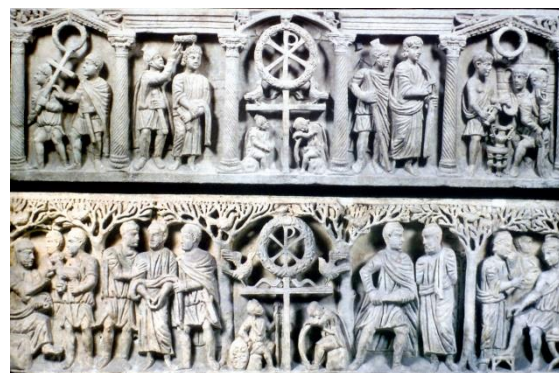


Key Concepts

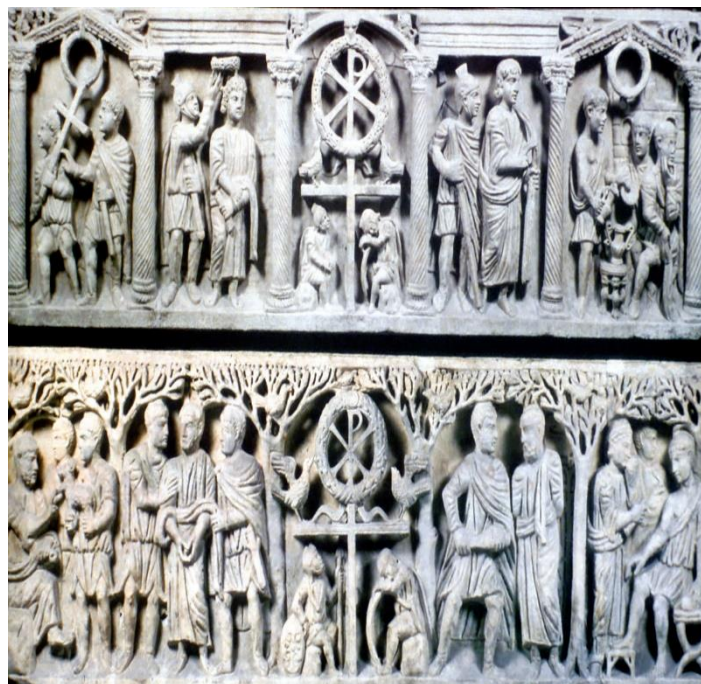
Resurrection	The raising of the body to life following death. Catholics believe Jesus rose from the dead.	Soul	The spiritual part of a human that can never die. The part created by God that lives on after the death of the body.
Heaven	Eternal existence in God's presence	Hell	The lack of God for all eternity
Magisterium	The teaching authority of the Roman Catholic Church that comes from the Pope and Bishops.	Judgement	Judging someone on their actions. Catholics believe God will judge people on how they have lived their lives.
Eternal Life	Spiritual existence in heaven after the death of the body.	Death	The end of physical life. Catholics see death as a change rather than an ending.

Artefacts: Scenes of the Passion Sarcophagi & the Paschal Candle

From very early on in the history of Christianity believers have expressed their faith through objects. Early Christians would be buried in large coffins known as sarcophagi and they would have scenes associated with Jesus and beliefs about life after death carved into the sides. Catholics also use the Paschal Candle as an important symbol of their faith.



Scenes of the Passion Sarcophagi



One panel shows Jesus being given a **crown of thorns**. The crown in the image is actually filled with jewels which symbolises that Jesus' death was actually a triumph over sin.

In the centre, there is a cross with the '**Chi-Rho**' symbol. The Chi-Rho is an ancient symbol of the resurrection. It highlights that Jesus rose from the dead.

A **wreath and eagles** which were Roman symbols of victory are above the cross. It shows **Jesus' victory** over sin as his death was a sacrifice.

The **empty cross** is used as the early Christians did not want to show Jesus dead or suffering. The empty cross was pointing to the belief that Jesus **rose from the dead**.

The '**Alpha**' and '**Omega**': These are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet. They symbolise Christ as the 'first' and the 'last'; the 'beginning' of all things and the 'end' of all things.

The Cross: This is the symbol of Christian faith because it is due to the **crucifixion** of Christ that the **resurrection** was possible.

The Flame: The flame represents Jesus as the **light of the world**. It shows that **Jesus' sacrifice** overcame sin and death.

The Five Wounds: The candle has five studs on it to represent the **five wounds** Jesus received during his crucifixion.

The year: Each year the candle is marked with that particular year. It reminds people that Jesus is the same for all time and that the **salvation** earned by Jesus is as real now as it was in the past.



The Paschal Candle

Exam Practice

b) Describe two features of the 'Scenes of the Passion Sarcophagi' and what they reveal about life after death (5)