Jesus	Buddha
Revelations:	Truths:
→ Part of Godhead→ "Word made flesh"	→ Did not receive revelations from divine source
→ "To know me is to know God"	→ Received insights from his own "inward reflections"
Began with core group of disciples:	Began with core followers:
→ Peter, Andrew, James, John,	→ 5 ascetics (had practiced self-
Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas,	denial until submitting to
James (son of Alphaeus),	Buddha's teachings)
Matthew, Simon, Judas,	
Thaddeus	
Bestowed disciples with a mission:	Bestowed his followers with a mission:
→ Apostles asked to cure, eradicate	→ Sent his followers off on a
demons, and proclaim good news	journey to spread his teachings
(God's kingdom awaits)	to those willing to listen
Specific Teachings:	Specific Teachings:
→ Can inherit eternal life by loving	→ 4 Noble Truths, Noble Eightfold
God with all your heart and	Path, Nirvana, karma, samsara,
loving your neighbour as yourself	no-self, impermanence, suffering,
	etc.
Inclusive:	Inclusive:
→ Invited everyone to follow the	→ Created community of followers
way of God (eg. sinners, outcasts,	from all races, social classes,
poor)	backgrounds, etc.
→ Kingdom is for all who believe	
Faith:	Wisdom:
→ Demands complete faith in God	→ Does not depend on faith
and His commitment to	→ Most important to understand
humankind	true nature of human condition
	and gain infinite wisdom