

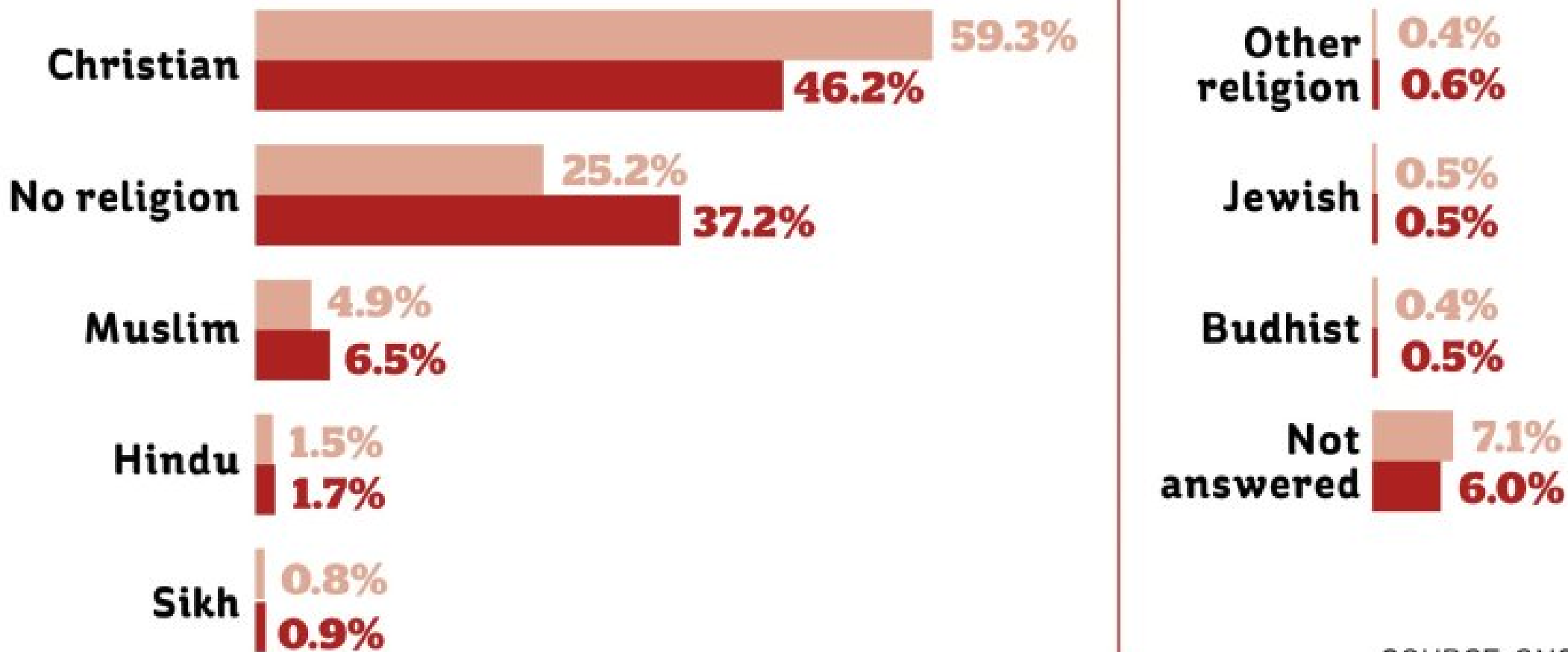
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**“True Discipleship”**

# Religious composition of England and Wales

Percentage of usual residents ■ 2011 census ■ 2021 census



SOURCE: ONS

# Use of the term 'Christian'

And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Acts 11:26

Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.” Acts 26:28

Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 1 Peter 4:16

## What does the Bible call followers of Jesus?

The most common terms are

1. Believers - 12 times in the NT.  
**Jesus never uses the term**

2. Disciple is used approximately 250 times in the NT.  
**Jesus uses the term 14 times**

# Disciple – Noun or verb? Not a label?

*mathetes* is used as a noun: A disciple, student, learner, follower. A person who learns from another by instruction, whether formal or informal.

A closely related word, *matheteuo*, is a verb used several times in the New Testament, such as when Jesus instructs his disciples to go and *make disciples* (Matthew 28:19).



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Tom Hanks  
Catherine Zeta-Jones

The Terminal



Life is waiting

THE TERMINAL is a comedy-drama film directed by James Malmgren, starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones. The film is based on the play 'The Terminal' by Terry Johnson. It tells the story of a man who is stranded in an airport terminal for years because he cannot get a passport. The film is a heartwarming and humorous story of a man who finds a new life in a terminal.



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## Luke 9:23, 57-62 (NKJV)

‘Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

<sup>57</sup> Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, *that* someone said to Him, “Lord, I will follow You wherever You go.”<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay *His* head.” <sup>59</sup> Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” <sup>60</sup> Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup> And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go *and* bid them farewell who are at my house.” <sup>62</sup> But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”’



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## Matthew 16:25 (NIV)

**25** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.