

Key Vocabulary

Jesus—Son of God, sent to Earth to teach everyone how to follow God's laws and be good people.

Bible—Christian holy book.

Gospels—Part of the bible that teaches Christians about Jesus' life.

Easter—The oldest and most important Christian festival.

Resurrection—When Jesus came back to life.

Disciples—The 12 followers of Jesus.

Betray—To be unfaithful or break a promise to someone.

Sins—Bad actions.

Eternal—Lasting forever.

Heaven—Christians believe this is where God lives and where good people go after death.

The Story of Holy Week

Palm Sunday



Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Everyone cheered for him.



Priests were jealous that everyone loved Jesus



Judas betrayed Jesus in exchange for money

The Last Supper



Jesus met with his disciples for the last time



Jesus was praying when soldiers arrested him.

Good Friday



Jesus was sentenced to die on the cross.

Easter Sunday



Jesus' friends went to his tomb but his body was gone.



Jesus was resurrected before rising to heaven.



Easter Traditions

Many Christians go to church at Easter. Parts of the Bible are read and special hymns are sung.



Palm Sunday

- The start of Holy Week. Christians remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem.
- People welcomed him by waving palm leaves and placed them on the ground in front of him.
- Palm leaves symbolise goodness and wellbeing.

The Last Supper

- When Jesus met with his disciples for the last time.
- Jesus knew this would be their last meeting and that one of them would betray him.
- He gave them bread to represent his body and wine to represent his blood.

Good Friday

- Christians remember the day Jesus was crucified.
- Christians believe it is a 'good' day as Jesus died for the sins of others.
- When he died his body was put in a stone tomb and blocked by a boulder.

Easter Sunday

- When Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection.
- His friends went to his tomb and were surprised to find his body was gone.
- His resurrection gives Christians the promise of eternal life in heaven.



Hot cross buns are eaten. The cross reminds people that Jesus died on the cross.

Simnel cake is also eaten at Easter. It is a fruit cake with will eleven marzipan balls on top. These represent all of the disciples except Judas.

