

Key Vocabulary

RE—Religious Education. Learning about different religions

Religion—The belief and worship of a god or gods.

Christianity—Based on teachings of Jesus Christ, the son of God.

Jesus—Son of God who taught people how to follow God's laws and be good people.

Bible—Christian holy book.

Gospels—Part of the bible that is 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 break a promise to someone.

Sins—Bad actions.

Eternal—Lasting forever.

Heaven—Where Christians believe God is and where they will go after death

Easter Traditions

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



Hot cross buns are eaten. The cross reminds people 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 Jesus' disciples except Judas who betrayed him.



The Story of Holy Week

Palm Sunday



Jesus Arrived in Jerusalem. Everyone cheered for him.



The priests were very jealous that everyone loved Jesus.



Judas betrayed Jesus for money by taking soldiers to him.

The Last Supper



Jesus met with his disciples for a meal for the last time.



Jesus was praying when the soldiers came to arrest him.

Good Friday



Jesus was sentenced to die on the cross by the Roman rulers.

Easter Sunday



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



Jesus was resurrected, visited his friends and rose into heaven.

Lent

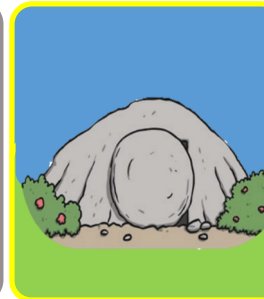
Time of new beginnings and to get fit to live a Christian life

Period of time leading up to Easter

Lasts for 40 days (excluding Sundays)

Begins on Ash Wednesday

During Lent Christians practise:



Key Questions

Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Why do Christians remember the Easter story every year?

Why is Lent an important time in the Christians calendar?

Why did Jesus travel to Jerusalem and why did people wave palm leaves at him?

Why was Jesus' meeting with his disciples called the last supper?

How and why do Christians celebrate Easter?

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 all some bread to represent his body and some 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 huge, heavy boulder.

Easter Sunday

- When Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.
- 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.