

RE Knowledge Organiser - Year 4 - Christianity



The idea of salvation and the events of Holy Week are at the centre of Christian belief. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the surprising part of the 'big story' of the Bible, where the relationship between humans and God begins to be restored.

Holy Week begins with the day Christians call **Palm Sunday**. This remembers Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed by people throwing down their cloaks and palm branches, a traditional way of honouring a worthy person. In churches, palm crosses are often given out and kept by Christians in their homes to show their beliefs.

Christians call the day before Good Friday '**Maundy Thursday**', remembering the day of the Last Supper. The disciples met with Jesus in an upper room to celebrate a Passover meal together.

Good Friday recalls the day on which Jesus was tried by Pontius Pilate and eventually crucified on Golgotha Hill. After his death he was placed in a tomb carved in the rock, and a stone was rolled to block the tomb.

Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. When the women went to the empty tomb they found that the body of Jesus had disappeared, despite the fact that the tomb had been guarded by Roman soldiers. Later that day Jesus was seen by Mary and the disciples. Over the next 40 days there were many sightings of Jesus. Christians believe this shows that Jesus was resurrected.

2.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus dies 'Good Friday'?

Key Vocabulary

Holy Week

Holy Week is the week of celebrations, remembrances, and rituals which mark the last days of Jesus before he died on the cross and rose again. It starts with Palm Sunday and culminates with Easter Day / Easter Sunday.

salvation

The core belief that when Jesus died, he died to save us from our sins, giving Christians hope that when they do things wrong they can be forgiven, and that when they die they will go to heaven.

resurrection

The act of bringing someone, or something, back to life. In the Christian religion, the **Resurrection** is Jesus Christ's return to life on the third day after his death.

The origin of the name '**Good Friday**' is in the fact that an alternative meaning for good is 'holy'. However, the name has probably stuck because Christians believe this dark day was necessary to bring about the resurrection — good came from the crucifixion, as part of God's offering of himself to restore humanity. Christians remember it as the anniversary of Jesus suffering and dying for their sins. Because of his death, they believe that when they die they can be with God and Jesus in Heaven.