

RE Knowledge Organiser: Christianity

Why does Easter matter to Christians?



What do I already know?

- ✚ God is important to all Christian and Jewish people.
- ✚ The Bible has many stories including Jesus.
- ✚ Jesus is God's son on earth.
- ✚ Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible.
- ✚ Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.

Key vocabulary and definitions:

betrayal	To break somebody's trust; to go to the enemy.
crucifixion	The way Jesus died on the cross.
disciple	A friend or follower of Jesus
forgive	To let go of things that others have done to you; to show kindness even somebody isn't kind to us.
incarnation	The belief that God came in human form – Jesus.
resurrection	Coming back to life; God brought Jesus back to life.
salvation	Being rescued – getting it 'right' with God.

How do Christians celebrate Easter?

Palm Sunday – some churches decorate with palm branches.

Good Friday – a sombre day. Some Christians might fast on this day.

Easter Sunday – a celebrations, music, flowers, church bells, special food and treats...



Fun facts!

- ✚ There are around 2.3 billion followers of Christianity in the world
- ✚ Before a meal, many Christians say a prayer to thank God for providing them with food.
- ✚ The Bible was also the first book to ever be printed!

What will I know by the end of the unit?

- ✚ Incarnation and Salvation are part of a 'big story' of the Bible.
- ✚ Tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible
- ✚ Link the Easter story to the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people).
- ✚ That Jesus gave instructions about how to behave (forgiveness).
- ✚ Know how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter.

Key Events



The triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday – Jesus enters into Jerusalem. The Sunday before Easter
The Last Supper – Jesus ate his final meal with his disciples. He knew one of them (Judas) had planned to betray him.



The last supper



The Garden of Gethsemane and Peter's denial

The Garden of Gethsemane – Jesus prayed here before his arrest.
Peter's denial – Peter denied knowing Jesus after his arrest, a prediction Jesus had made.
The trial of Jesus – Jesus was found guilty of calling himself The Son of God.



The trial of Jesus



Jesus is crucified

Good Friday – the day Jesus was crucified on the cross. It is an important day in the Christian calendar because Christians believe Jesus sacrificed himself for others. **The tomb** – After Jesus dies on the cross, he was placed in a tomb. On the third day after his crucifixion the stone had been moved away. Jesus had risen from the dead.



Jesus' body is missing