

# Easter

## What Is Easter?

Easter is an important Christian festival. It is when Christians remember that Jesus died on the cross and came back to life three days later.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday.

## What Happened on Palm Sunday?

The Bible tells us that Jesus and his followers went to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Lots of people had heard that Jesus was coming so a big crowd had gathered to see him. They waved palm leaves in the air and laid them on the ground for Jesus to walk on.



## What Happened on Maundy Thursday?

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus and his followers had their last meal together, known as The Last Supper. Jesus washed his friends' feet and told them that they should always love one another. Jesus then gave each person some bread and wine, explaining that his friends should share bread and wine after his death to remember him.



## What Happened on Good Friday?

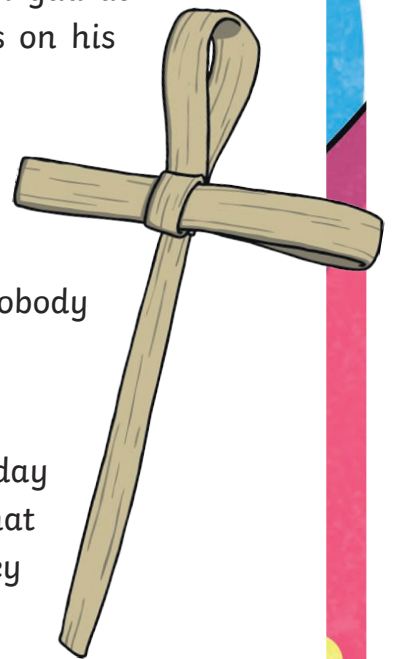
It was on Good Friday that Christians believe that Jesus died. Jesus was made to carry a heavy, wooden cross through the city. The Roman guards nailed Jesus to the cross and placed a crown made of thorns on his head.

## What Happened on Holy Saturday?

Christians believe that Jesus' body was placed in a tomb on Holy Saturday. A heavy stone was rolled in front of the entrance and it was guarded by a Roman soldier so that nobody could take his body.

## What Happened on Easter Sunday?

Easter Sunday is a happy day for Christians because it is the day that they believe Jesus rose from the dead. The Bible says that Jesus' friends and family went to visit the tomb. When they



got there, the body had gone. On that day, and for 40 days afterwards, Jesus' friends saw him in lots of different places. They realised that God had raised him from the dead.

### **How Do Christians Celebrate Easter Sunday?**

To celebrate Jesus coming back to life, lots of Christians go to special church services on Easter Sunday.

#### **Did You Know...?**

The exact date of Easter Sunday changes every year.

**Easter has been celebrated on:**

5<sup>th</sup> April 2015

27<sup>th</sup> March 2016

16<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Easter will be celebrated on:**

1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

21<sup>st</sup> April 2019

12<sup>th</sup> April 2020



# Questions

1. Which date was Easter Sunday celebrated on in 2015? Tick one.

- ☐ 27<sup>th</sup> March
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**Pupils' own responses, such as: Easter Sunday is a happy day for Christians because it remembers the day that Jesus rose from the dead.**