

Knowledge Organiser Year 2 Spring 2 – Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Vocabulary	
Easter	the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Holy Week	the events of the seven days before Easter Sunday.
Cross	a large wooden shape where people were punished and killed (This doesn't happen today, it was a very long time ago)
Tomb	– a place where a dead person's body is buried
Resurrection	to be bought back to life after someone has died.
Salvation	saved, rescued. (from sin and the effects of sin, by faith)

Easter Eggs are used by Christians not just as yummy treats but as **reminders**

- of the New Life offered in Jesus,
- of the stone in front of the tomb on Good Friday
- of the hollow empty tomb on Easter Day (when broken open)



Christians believe that Jesus is the Son of God, he came to Earth and lived for 33 years. He was killed on a cross but came back to life 3 days later. Christians believe that Jesus came to restore the friendship between humans and God that was broken by Adam and Eve, and that this would be mended once and for all.

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

