

## Key Content

Year2

Christianity

Easter

Term 4

### Key Vocabulary

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### Key Events

<b>Easter</b>	The oldest and most important Christian festival.
<b>Christians</b>	People who follow the religion of Christianity.
<b>Jesus</b>	The son of God.
<b>resurrection</b>	When Jesus came back to life.
<b>disciples</b>	The twelve followers of Jesus.
<b>symbolise</b>	When something stands for something else.
<b>betray</b>	To be unfaithful or break a promise to someone.
<b>Holy Communion</b>	A special service in church, where Christians share bread and wine.

<b>crucified</b>	Put to death on a cross.
<b>sins</b>	Bad actions.
<b>tomb</b>	A place cut into rock or underground, where the dead are buried.
<b>eternal</b>	Lasting forever.

**Holy Week** Holy Week is the week leading up to Easter. The Easter story is very important to Christians as it reminds them of Jesus' death and celebrates his resurrection. There are four important days during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

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 that Jesus died on the cross. Many Christians send Easter cards. Simnel cake is eaten. It is a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls on the top. These represent all of the disciples except Judas. Eggs are painted and chocolate eggs are given. The eggs symbolise new life and are the same shape as the rock that was rolled in front of Jesus' tomb.

Some of Jesus' friends went to visit his tomb on the Sunday after he died. They were surprised to find it empty. After his resurrection Jesus visited his disciples before going up to heaven to live with God. On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus gives Christians the promise of eternal life in heaven. Good Friday 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 that Jesus died on the cross. Many Christians send Easter cards. Simnel cake is eaten. It is a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls on the top. These represent all of the disciples except Judas. Eggs are painted and chocolate eggs are given. The eggs symbolise new life and are the same shape as the rock that was rolled in front of Jesus' tomb.



**Palm Sunday** marks the start of Holy Week. Christians remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was welcomed by people waving palm leaves and placing them on the ground in front of him. Palm leaves symbolise goodness and well-being.

On **Maundy Thursday**, the story of the Last Supper is remembered. 'Maundy' comes from a word that means command. At his last supper, Jesus told his disciples to love one another. Jesus knew that this would be his last supper and that one of his disciples (Judas), would betray him.

During the Last Supper, Jesus shared some bread and wine with his disciples. Jesus said the bread was his body and the wine was his blood. During Holy Communion, Christians re-enact this special moment from the Last Supper.

On **Good Friday**, Christians remember the day that Jesus was crucified. Leaders in Jerusalem were jealous that people listened to Jesus and so they had him crucified. Christians believe it is 'good', because Jesus showed great love and died for the sins of others. When he died, his body was put in a stone tomb.

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