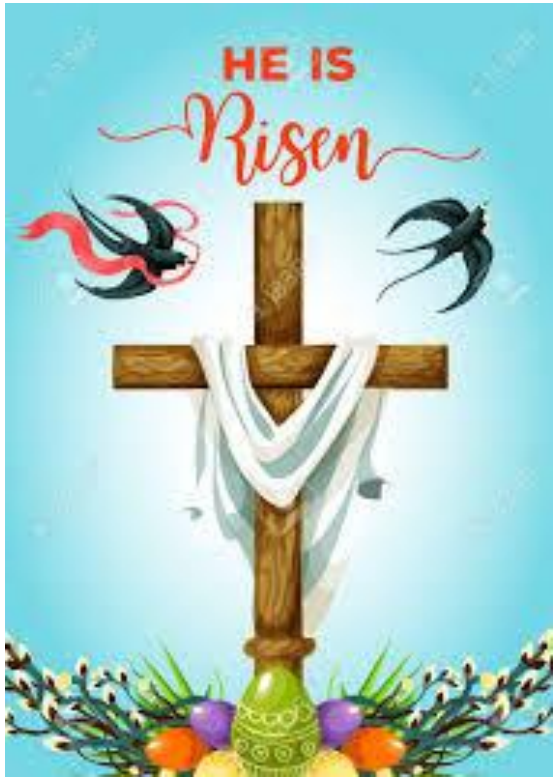
What do Christian churches do to celebrate Holy Week?



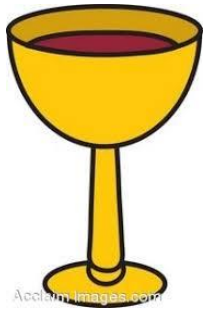




Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and is the week leading up to Easter. During Holy Week, Christians remember the last week of Jesus's life

Remind yourself of this week by watching this clip

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Holy Week includes several events

Palm Sunday



- This is the Sunday before Easter Sunday. It is the first day of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Crowds of people greeted him, throwing palm branches on the road.
- Christian churches give out small crosses made from palm leaves, as a reminder of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and his death on the cross. Some Christians keep these in their homes all year as a symbol of their faith.





Maundy Thursday

This is the Thursday before Easter Day. On Maundy Thursday, Christians remember when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine, now known as the Last Supper.

Remind yourself of what happened by watching this clip

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Many Christians remember this event by sharing bread and wine in a service called Holy Communion, Eucharist or Mass. It is a reminder that Jesus sacrificed his life for mankind.
The word Maundy comes from the command given by Jesus at the Last Supper, that we should love one another.

Good Friday

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday when Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion. During Good Friday services, they reflect on the meaning of the crucifixion and the very important message. The message is that through his death on the cross, Jesus atoned for the sin of mankind which came into the world when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden. Through Jesus' sacrifice mankind is at peace with God.







Easter Sunday

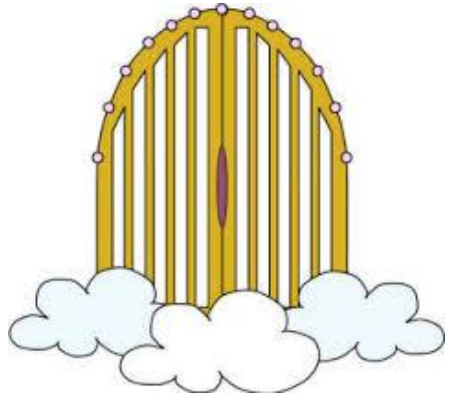


Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection. After Jesus was crucified, his body was placed in a cave. The cave was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance.



On Sunday, three days after the crucifixion, some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb to find that the stone had been moved and Jesus' body had gone. According to the Gospels, Jesus was seen that day and was seen for 40 days afterwards.

Christians call this the Resurrection and they believe that God raised Jesus from the dead as a sign that He accepted Jesus' sacrifice and that mankind is forgiven and will have eternal life in Heaven.



What Holy Week means for Christians today



Holy Week is important as it reminds Christians of God's sacrifice of his son, and also God's love for his people. Christians can learn much about Jesus through the last week of his life.

Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. It celebrates God raising his son Jesus from the dead and it symbolises the opening of Heaven with the gift of eternal life to everyone.



Your task



Is to create a display either to go in a window or to go on a website to show the importance of either Palm Sunday, Good Friday or Easter Sunday.

The display should include

- a suitable cross and explanation about what this reminds Christians of
- A summary of the Bible story it is linked to
- A picture to show what will happen in church
- An explanation or picture to show how it is celebrated

Choose one of these titles for your work

- Why is Palm Sunday so important to Christians?
- Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?
- What do Christians believe happened on Easter Sunday?

