

RE Focus: Christianity

Why is Easter Important to Christians?

Year 1

Term: 2B

Key Vocabulary	Important Facts
<p><b>Jesus</b>– a religious leader and founder of Christianity. The son of God.</p> <p><b>Christian</b>- a believer in Christianity and/or someone who has been baptised.</p> <p><b>Easter</b>- most important festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead</p> <p><b>Holy week</b>- includes Palm Sunday, Last supper Jesus' death. (followed by Easter Sunday)</p> <p><b>Resurrection</b>- coming back to life after death.</p> <p><b>Betrayal</b>- to go against someone.</p> <p><b>Disciples</b>- Jesus' followers and close friends.</p> <p><b>Salvation</b>- a promise to be saved.</p>	<p>Christians celebrate and observe Easter. This was the time Jesus died and resurrected to life.</p> <p>The story of Jesus' last moments included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)</li> <li>2) Jesus asks his followers to remember him with bread and wine (Last Supper)</li> <li>3) Jesus' betrayal and arrest at the Mount of Olives</li> <li>4) Jesus dies on the cross</li> <li>5) The empty tomb</li> <li>6) Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the disciples</li> </ol> <div data-bbox="1816 395 2027 730" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="943 751 1106 917" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The idea of eggs represents new life and the belief in Jesus' resurrection. There are many other new lives that that appear in Spring such as flowers, buds, eggs, lambs and chicks.</p> <p>Christian believe that Jesus rose from death (resurrection) on the Sunday after his death. For Christians, Jesus has opened up a way for them to have a new life after they die, a life with God in heaven. This is part of the idea of 'salvation' – for Christians, Jesus offers to save them from death.</p> <p>This gives Christians hope that heaven is a place without pain or suffering – a place of joy.</p> <p>Churches celebrate Holy Week of Easter in different parts, they observe Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. They hold Church services, supply hot cross buns, sing joyful songs, decorate a cross in church, giving and eating eggs.</p> <div data-bbox="1839 1214 2027 1390" data-label="Image"> </div>