## Why does Easter matter to Christians?

#### Key Vocabulary:

Salvation
Incarnation
Cross
Betrayal
Sacrifice
Disciple
Resurrection
Crucifixion
Gospels

### Key Concept: Salvation Key People:

Jesus - Son of God

**Peter** - a disciple that denied knowing Jesus after his arrest.

**Judas** - a disciple that betrayed Jesus

Pontius Pilate - a Roman Governor

Mary Magdalene - a friend of Jesus

**Disciples** - Jesus' close friends and

followers

Key links: After the fall (Creation) God had a plan to save people from their sin so sent Jesus (incarnation) so that he could save (salvation)

#### How do Christians celebrate Easter?

**Palm Sunday** - some churches decorate with palm branches.

Good Friday - a sombre day. Some Christians might fast on this day.

**Easter Sunday** – a celebrations, music, flowers, church bells, special food and treats...







## Key Events (from Understanding Christianity)





Palm Sunday - Jesus enters into Jerusalem. The Sunday before Easter The Last Supper - Jesus ate his final meal with his disciples. He know one of them (Judas) had planned to betray him.



The Garden of Gethsemane - Jesus prayed here before his arrest.

**Peter's denial** - Peter denied knowing Jesus after his arrest, a prediction Jesus had made. **The trial of Jesus** - Jesus was found guilty of calling himself The Son of God.





Good Friday - the day Jesus was crucified on the cross. It is an important day in the Christian calendar because Christians believe Jesus sacrificed himself for others. The tomb - After Jesus dies on the cross, he was placed in a tomb. On the third day after his crucifixion the stone had been moved away. Jesus had risen from the dead.

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## Key Knowledge

Why is the cross a symbol for	Who is Jesus?	How do Christians celebrate Easter Week? Give 3	
Christianity?	The son of God	examples	
Jesus died on a cross		Go to church	
What is a disciple?  A friend/follower of Jesus	What happened on Easter Sunday?  Jesus rose from the dead	Eat hot cross buns  Eat eater eggs/Easter egg hunt  Decorate church with palm trees  Light candles	
		Flowers	
		Church bells	

## Learning Journey

Prior and Future Learning	Reception	KS1	LKS2	UKS2
Christianity	Why do Christians have a cross?	Why does Easter matter to Christians?	Why do Christians call the day Jesus dies Good Friday?	What did Jesus do to save human beings? What would Jesus do?