



Did God want Jesus to die?



HOLY WEEK TIMELINE

- 1 Palm Sunday:** Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, and many people put palm branches down for the donkey to walk on as a show of respect for Jesus. Many people thought he was the Messiah, coming to rule Israel.
- 2 Religious Leaders Plot to Kill Jesus:** Jesus was a threat to the religious leaders because he performed miracles and had lots of people believing in him. They wanted the people to keep believing them, so they plotted to have him.
- 3 Last Supper:** On Thursday night, Jesus sat down with his disciples to have Passover dinner. He broke bread and said it was a symbol of his body. Then, he blessed wine and said it was a symbol of his blood. He told the disciples he would be murdered and would rise on the third day, and his body and blood were a sacrifice for sins.
- 4 The Arrest:** After supper, Jesus and the disciples went into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. The disciples fell asleep! Jesus prayed, and the soldiers came to arrest him after he was betrayed by his disciple Judas.
- 5 The Trial:** Starting that night, Jesus faced, Annas, Caiaphas, and Pontius Pilate. Pontius Pilate agreed to crucify Jesus between two rebels because the crowd demanded it.
- 6 The Crucifixion:** Jesus was crucified Friday at noon. He lived on the cross for three hours, then said to the Father, "Into your hands I commit my spirit." And he died. There was an eclipse, an earthquake, and the very thick curtain inside the Temple was ripped in two.
- 7 The Resurrection:** Some of Jesus' disciples, Mary Magdalene, and a few other believers saw the empty tomb on Sunday morning. Some saw angels who said, "He is not here; he is risen." Over the next 40 days, 500 people saw the arisen Jesus.

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

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| crucified | Put to death on a cross. |
| sins | Bad actions. |
| tomb | A place cut into rock or underground, where the dead are buried. |
| eternal | Lasting forever. |
| heaven | Christians believe this is where God lives and where good people go after death. |

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.

