

Christianity: What is 'good' about Good Friday?

Key Vocabulary

Good Friday	The day that Jesus died on the cross.
The Last Supper	The final meal that Jesus ate with his disciples before he died.
disciples	Jesus' close friends and followers.
Judas	One of Jesus' disciples .
sacrifice	Jesus giving himself up to be crucified to save humankind.
resurrection	The rising of Christ from the dead.
Pontius Pilate	The Roman governor.
prayer	A way of talking to God.
tomb	A large space for burying a body.
betray	Being disloyal to someone.

Key Information

Good Friday is part of the Easter story. It was the day that Jesus was crucified on the cross. **Good Friday** is seen as a very important day in the Christian calendar because Christians believe that Jesus **sacrificed** himself for others.



Many priests were jealous of Jesus and wanted to see him arrested. One of Jesus' **disciples** (**Judas** Iscariot) **betrayed** Jesus for 30 silver pieces. Jesus knew this at **the Last Supper**.



After Jesus died on the cross he was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb by his friends. They rolled a large stone in front of the entrance of the **tomb**.

On the third day after Jesus' crucifixion, the stone of the **tomb** had been rolled away. His body was gone from the **tomb**. Jesus had risen from the dead.



Jewish leaders found Jesus guilty of calling himself the Son of God. Jesus was taken to **Pontius Pilate** for a punishment. The chief priests convinced the people that Jesus must die. When **Pontius Pilate** asked what he should do with Jesus, they shouted, "Crucify him!"

