

Religious Education: Easter - Why is Easter important to Christians?

Christians believe **Jesus** is the Son of God.



Easter is an important time for Christians. They remember that Jesus died on the cross and came back to life to be reunited with God in heaven. Christians believe they will have eternal life if they follow Jesus's teaching. **Celebrating today:**



Easter eggs for new life.



Hot cross buns remind Christians about the crucifix.



Christians go to church to celebrate Jesus and make a palm cross.



Key Vocabulary

Palm leaves	Leaves from a palm tree.
Disciples	Friends and followers of Jesus.
Jerusalem	A city in Israel.
Crucified	Put to death.
Resurrected	To come back/rise from the dead.
Holy week	The week before Easter.
Heaven	Christians believe this is where God lives and where people go after death.

Palm Sunday

Jesus arrives into Jerusalem. People laid palm leaves to welcome him.



Jesus is angry that markets are selling in the temple.



Priests plot revenge and Judas agrees to spy on Jesus for them.

Maundy Thursday

Jesus shares Last Supper with his disciples and prays for strength.



Good Friday

Judas kisses Jesus on the cheek to signal who he is. Jesus is arrested. Jesus carries the cross and is crucified.



Easter Sunday

Mary and friends go to visit the tomb Jesus has been buried in. It is empty. An angel tells them Jesus has been resurrected and risen to heaven. **Today, Christians celebrate his resurrection.**

