



## Why is the resurrection so important to Christians?

### Lesson 1: What is Holy week?

Holy week is the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, as a time of devotion to the Passion of Christ. It reminds Christians of God's sacrifice of his son, and also God's love for his people.

### Lesson 2: Why does the Bible devote so much time to this one week of Jesus' life?

Many Christians devote this day of Holy Week to thinking about Christ's final hours and the suffering that he endured.

### Lesson 3: How do we know what Jesus looked like?

Although we do not know what Jesus looked like, there are many images of him. It is believed that he would have a beard, tanned skin and be of slim build.

### Lesson 5: How does the Easter story explore ideas of sacrifice, forgiveness and new life?

The Easter story is a belief by Christians that Jesus was betrayed by one of his disciples, killed and then he was resurrected. Through the Easter story, we are taught of the sacrifice that Jesus gave on the cross during his crucifixion to his people, the forgiveness that Jesus had for Judas and the exploration of a new life beginning when he resurrected later on Easter Sunday.

### Lesson 4: Why do other religions and faiths not believe in resurrection?

Many religions or faiths do not believe in life after death because they believe in the afterlife. Because resurrection is a belief, this cannot be proven to be true.

| Date (in 2025) | Event           |
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| March 4th      | Shrove Tuesday  |
| March 5th      | Ash Wednesday   |
| April 13th     | Palm Sunday     |
| April 17th     | Maundy Thursday |
| April 18th     | Good Friday     |
| April 20th     | Easter Sunday   |

**Key Vocabulary:** **Palm Sunday** - the first day of the Holy Week; **Maundy Thursday** - the Thursday before Easter; **Good Friday** - the Friday before Easter: a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary; **Crucifixion** - a method of punishment in which the victim is tied or nailed to a large wooden beam and left to hang for several days until dead; **Resurrection** - the concept of coming back to life; **Pentecost** - celebrated the 50th day from Easter Sunday: also known as Whitsun; **Passion** - the suffering and death of Jesus; **Sacrifice** - Christ's offering of himself on the crucifixion; **Forgiveness** - a change in feelings and a decision to release feelings of resentment towards a person or group of people.

**Applying Past Knowledge:** This learning links with the lessons you have had teaching you about the Easter Story. This links to our visits from St Martin's church where they share stories from the Bible.