

Key vocabulary

Holy Week	The week before Easter Sunday.
Palm Sunday	The Sunday before Easter.
Hosannah	An expression of adoration, praise or joy.
Good Friday	The Friday before Easter Sunday. The crucifixion of Jesus is remembered. Traditionally it is a day of fasting and penance.
Easter Sunday	Christians remember the death of Jesus and his return to life.
Jerusalem	Christians believe Jesus died and came back to life in Jerusalem.
Crucifixion	A method of punishment when the victim is tied or nailed to a large wooden beam and left for several days.
Sacrifice	In Christian belief- Christ's offering of himself in the Crucifixion. Give up (something valued) for the sake of other considerations.
Resurrection	Jesus came back to life
Incarnation	The human form of Jesus.
Gospel	The four books which describe the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.
Salvation	Jesus came to save us.
Disciples	Jesus' friends.

Sequence of learning

What happened to Jesus at Easter?
 What does salvation mean? Where does it fit into the 'big story' timeline?
 What are the main events in Holy Week?
 What are Christians celebrating/remembering on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday?
 How do the different events make them feel?
 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

Important facts

Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.
 The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do.
 Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today.
 Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.



Biblical links

Matthew 21:7-11
 Luke 23:13-25, 32-48
 Luke 24:1-12

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Final outcome

Pupils will create Salvation art work showing what/how Christians celebrate and/or remember on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday to be displayed in St. Nicholas church. Pupils will write an explanation of their art work.

The big story of Christianity



Creation, Fall, People of God, Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation, Kingdom of God

Key skills



Order Creation and Fall, Incarnation, Gospel and Salvation within a timeline of the Bible's 'big story'.
 Offer suggestions for what the texts about the entry into Jerusalem, and the death and resurrection of Jesus might mean.
 Give examples of what the texts studied mean to some Christians.



Make simple links between the Gospel texts and how Christians mark the Easter events in their church communities.
 Describe how Christians show their beliefs about Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in worship.



Make links between some of the stories and teachings in the Bible and life in the world today, expressing some ideas of their own clearly.