

This half term in RE we are learning about Easter and surprises.

- Today, you are going to find out about why Christians celebrate Easter.
- Read the following slides and the story.
- Once you have read the story - you have 4 questions to answer.
- You can either write your answers down or record your answers on video.

Palm Sunday



What Is Easter?

Easter is the oldest and most important Christian festival.

The week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week and has these important days which are remembered for different reasons:

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Sunday



The Easter Story is important to Christians because it remembers the death of Jesus and celebrates his resurrection.

Why Is Celebrating Easter Important to Christians?

Easter is the time when Christians remember the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God. Although they remember that Jesus died on the cross, they also celebrate that he came back to life.

The resurrection of Jesus is very important to Christians as it gives them the promise of eternal life in heaven.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week for Christians.



Christians feel happy because they are praising Jesus, but also sad because they know it was only one week later that Jesus died.

Palm Sunday

Jesus and his followers went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. Jesus told two of his followers to bring him a donkey and told them where to find it. He also said, "Tell the people of Jerusalem your King is coming, he is gentle and riding on a donkey."

The followers did as Jesus asked, they found and brought the animal to Jesus. They lay their cloaks on its back and Jesus sat on them and rode on the donkey.



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As Jesus rode the donkey towards Jerusalem, people cut branches from the palm trees and placed them and their cloaks on the ground in front of him. They shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel!"



Palm Sunday

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large and excited crowd welcomed him and waved palm leaves. They shouted “Hosanna!” because they were so pleased to see him and believed his message. Jesus went to the Temple where he healed the blind and lame people.



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The leaders in Jerusalem did not like Jesus. They saw how many people were following him and they were angry and jealous.

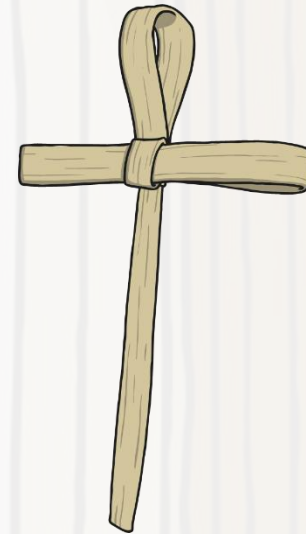
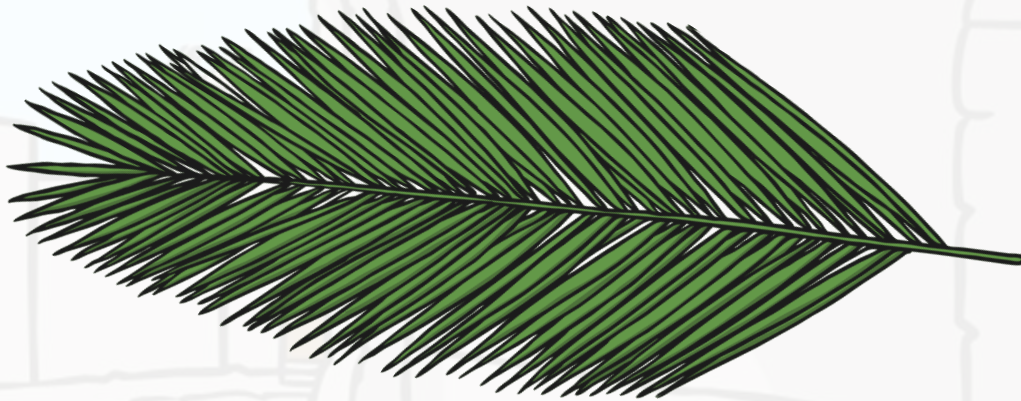
Jesus understood that this was part of God's plan and it would be his last trip into Jerusalem.



Palm Leaves

Palm leaves symbolise goodness and well-being.

People laid down palm leaves in front of Jesus as a sign that they believed his message and that he was King.



Sometimes, people are given a cross made from a single palm leaf on Palm Sunday.

Story Discussion – either write your answers down or video record yourself.

How did Jesus arrive in Jerusalem?

What did the people do when they saw him?

Who wasn't happy to see Jesus?

Why didn't they like Jesus?

