

Christianity: What do Christians celebrate at Easter?

Good Friday

The Romans decided to punish Jesus by putting him on a cross in Jerusalem.

The crucifixion of Jesus (his death on the cross) happened on Friday.

When he was dying, he prayed for the people who put him there and asked God to forgive them.

Christians believe Jesus took the punishment for everyone's sin so they could be forgiven and go to Heaven.

Christians call it 'Good Friday' as they believe it was a good sacrifice.



Easter Sunday

A stone was rolled across the tomb where Jesus was laid.

Mary Magdalene went to visit him on Sunday and saw that the stone had been moved. She was frightened and saw an angel.

Mary saw Jesus alive again. He had risen from the dead. He appeared to all his disciples.

His disciples began to spread the story of Jesus and how he was born again to go to Heaven.

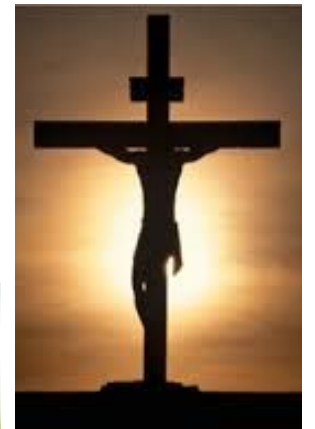
Artefacts and symbols

<b>Hot cross buns</b>	The bun's cross represents the cross that Jesus died on. The spices represent the spices used to keep Jesus' body.
<b>Palm cross</b>	Symbolises Jesus' victory over death as Christians believe he was resurrected.
<b>crucifix</b>	The cross shape is seen as a symbol of God's forgiveness after Jesus took all human sin.
<b>Bible</b>	The holy book for Christians. It tells lots of stories including the story of Easter.
<b>Easter eggs</b>	Symbolises the empty tomb when Jesus was resurrected. Orthodox Christians paint them red to show Jesus' blood.



Key Vocabulary

<b>Easter</b>	The Christian celebration of the end of Jesus' life on Earth and the start of his new life in Heaven.
<b>rebirth</b>	Being born again.
<b>Good Friday</b>	The Friday before Easter Sunday when Jesus died on the cross.
<b>crucifixion</b>	The killing of someone by nailing their hands to a cross.
<b>resurrection</b>	The belief that God brought Jesus back to life.
<b>tradition</b>	A belief which is passed on from generation to generation
<b>sin</b>	Doing something bad.



What do Christians believe about death?

Death is spoken about in the second part of the Bible.
Christians believe that death is not the end. If they are good, they live on with God forever in Heaven.
"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that whoever believes in him will not die, but have eternal life" (John 3:16)