

Understanding Easter

Learning objective: To understand the key events, symbols, and meanings of Easter within the Christian faith.

Read the question or key term on the front of the card, try to remember the answer, and then check it against the back of the card.

What is Easter?

Easter: The most important festival in the Christian calendar, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

What is the 'Resurrection'?

Resurrection: The belief that Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion.

What happened on Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday: The day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed by crowds waving palm branches.

What is 'Holy Week'?

Holy Week: The week leading up to Easter Sunday, which remembers the final days of Jesus' life on Earth.

What does the crucifixion refer to?

Crucifixion: The event where Jesus was nailed to a wooden cross and died.

Why are eggs used as a symbol of Easter?

Eggs: They represent new life and rebirth, similar to how Jesus rose from the dead.

What is the 'Ascension'?

Ascension: The belief that Jesus ascended (rose up) into heaven after his resurrection.

What is the meaning of the lilies often seen at Easter?

Lilies: White lilies symbolise purity and the new beginning of life.

What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday: The day Christians remember the Last Supper, where Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples.

What is Good Friday?

Good Friday: The day Christians remember the death of Jesus on the cross.

Who are the disciples?

Disciples: The close followers of Jesus who travelled and learned with him.

How do many Christians celebrate Easter Sunday?

Easter Sunday: By attending special church services to celebrate the joy of the resurrection.