

Year 5 Religious Education Assessment: The Significance of Easter

Learning objective: To demonstrate an understanding of the narrative of Holy Week, the theological significance of Easter for Christians, and how the festival is observed in the UK.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of Christian traditions and the events of Holy Week to provide detailed answers. Ensure your writing is clear and uses appropriate religious terminology.

Easter is the most significant festival in the Christian calendar. It is preceded by the period of Lent and concludes with Holy Week, which commemorates the final days of Jesus' life, his death, and his rising from the dead. For Christians, this period is a time of reflection, mourning, and ultimately, great celebration.

Word bank: Crucifixion · Resurrection · Holy Week · Maundy Thursday · Good Friday · Easter Sunday · Symbolism · Salvation · Sacrifice · New life

1. Identify two events that occur during Holy Week and briefly explain what Christians remember on those specific days. (2 marks)

2. Why do many Christians consider Good Friday a day of solemn reflection rather than a day of celebration? (2 marks)

3. Explain the theological significance of the Resurrection. Why is this event considered the cornerstone of the Christian faith? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast how Christians might observe Lent compared to how they celebrate Easter Sunday. How does the mood change? (4 marks)

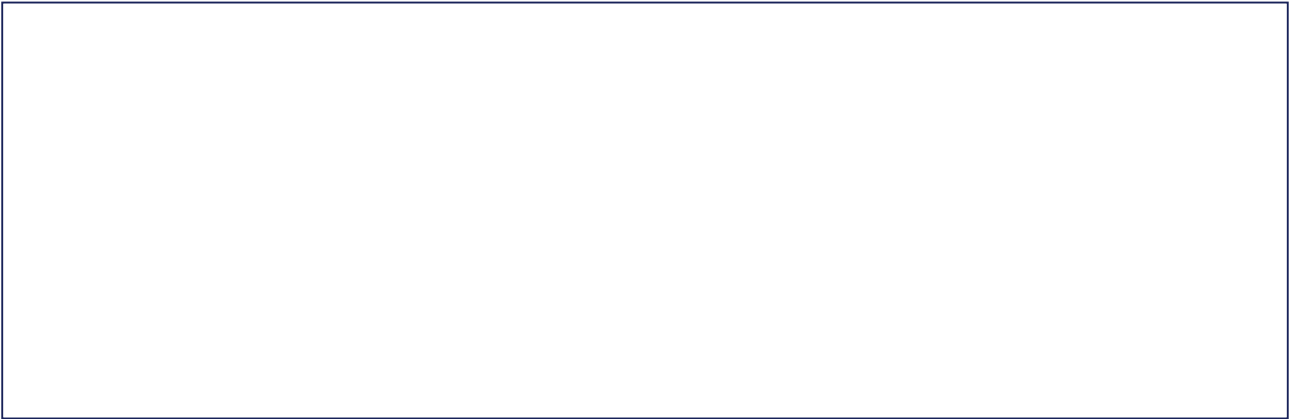
5. Nova the owl is curious about symbolism. Explain how the egg is used as a symbol of 'new life' during the Easter period. (2 marks)

6. Justify why Easter is often referred to as a festival of 'hope' for believers. Use examples from the narrative of the Resurrection. (4 marks)

7. Extended Writing Task: Imagine you are writing a diary entry from the perspective of a person living at the time of the first Easter. Describe the atmosphere in Jerusalem from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. How would the shift from grief to joy be expressed in your writing? (5 marks)

8. What might happen if the story of the Resurrection were removed from the Christian faith? Explain the impact this would have on the religion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a symbol that represents the concept of 'New Life' in the context of Easter and annotate your drawing to explain its religious meaning.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Research the origins of the date of Easter. Write a short paragraph explaining why Easter is a 'moveable feast' and how the lunar cycle influences its placement in the calendar.