The Easter Journey: A Sequence of Reflection

Learning objective: To understand the sequence of events during the Christian Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the history of Easter. Below are seven key events that happened during the final week of Jesus' life. Read the statements carefully and number them from 1 to 7 to show the correct chronological order in which they happened, starting from Palm Sunday.

Word bank: Palm Sunday · The Last Supper · Good Friday · The Garden of Gethsemane · Easter Sunday · The Trial · The Crucifixion

1. The Last Supper: Jesus shares a final meal with his disciples. (1 mark)

2. The Crucifixion: Jesus dies on the cross on a hill outside Jerusalem. (1 mark)

3. Palm Sunday: Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, and people welcome him with palm branches. (1 mark)

4. The Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus goes to pray and is arrested by soldiers. (1 mark)

5. Easter Sunday: Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. (1 mark)

6. The Trial: Jesus is taken before Pontius Pilate to answer questions. (1 mark)

7. Good Friday: A day of solemn reflection on the death of Jesus. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a palm leaf and an empty tomb to represent the start and the end of the Easter story.

Extension challenge: Ellie wants to know why symbols are important in religion. Write a short paragraph explaining why an empty tomb is a significant symbol for Christians on Easter Sunday. If you were organising an Easter charity sale to raise money for a local community centre, what items would you sell, and how would you price them using £ and p to ensure everyone could afford a small treat?