

## Spring Overview Year 3 Religious Education

### Key facts

During Holy Week Christians remember the last week of Jesus' life. Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a colt, often referred to as a donkey. Crowds of people greeted him, throwing palm branches on the road. On Maundy Thursday, Christians remember when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine, now known as the Last Supper. Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday when Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion. During Good Friday services, they reflect on the meaning of the crucifixion and the central message of Christianity. This message is that through his death on the cross, Jesus atoned for the sin of mankind. The main service on Good Friday takes place between midday and 3 pm. In many churches it takes the form of a meditation based on seven sayings, or last words, of Jesus on the cross, with hymns, prayers, and short sermons. Roman Catholics start their service at 3 pm, the time that Jesus is thought to have died. Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection. The gospels record that after Jesus was crucified, his body was taken down from the cross, and placed in a cave. The cave was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no one could steal the body.

### Resources

Bible

### Prior Knowledge

Children have learnt about different festivals and how they impact on the day to day life of each religion, allowing them to practise what they have been taught.

**Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?**

### Brief summary/ overview

Children were learn about the role of Easter and particularly the emotions Christians have around this time including hope, sadness and joy.

They will discover what Christians believe is the role that Jesus played in repenting the world of their sins.

### Key Vocabulary

Good Friday      Palm Sunday  
Easter Sunday  
Christians  
Jesus  
Church  
Genesis

### Cross curricular links/visits

Easter church visit  
Music – hymns