

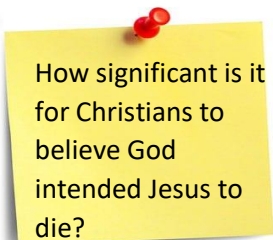
Religious Education – World Religion – Christianity

Term 4 Year 5

Questions we have previously explored in Year 5:



Next key question:




Christianity

Christianity is one of the five main world religions. It began after the death of **Jesus**.

Jesus was born a Jew and **Christianity** originally developed as part of **Judaism**.

There are a number of symbols associated with **Christianity**:





| Key Vocabulary | |
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| Christianity | The religion followed by Christians. |
| Judaism | The religion followed by Jews. |
| Jesus | The founder of Christianity . |
| Ten Commandments | Ten rules given by God for people to live by. |
| The Trinity | The three separate forms that God is known by. |
| Old Testament | The first (and biggest) part of the Bible, written before Jesus was born. |

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| Easter | The oldest and most important Christian festival. |
| Christians | People who follow the religion of Christianity. |
| Jesus | The son of God. |
| resurrection | When Jesus came back to life. |
| disciples | The twelve followers of Jesus. |
| symbolise | When something stands for something else. |
| betray | To be unfaithful or break a promise to someone. |
| Holy Communion | A special service in church, where Christians share bread and wine. |



The Bible The Christian holy book is the Bible. It has two parts: the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. There are over 66 books within the Bible, which include letters, laws, poems and stories.

| Key Vocabulary | |
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| crucified | Put to death on a cross. |
| sins | Bad actions. |
| tomb | A place cut into rock or underground, where the dead are buried. |
| eternal | Lasting forever. |
| heaven | Christians believe this is where God lives and where good people go after death. |
| bible | The Christian holy book. |
| hymns | Religious songs. |

| Palm Sunday | Maundy Thursday | The Last Supper |
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| <p>Palm Sunday marks the start of Holy Week. Christians remember when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was welcomed by people waving palm leaves and placing them on the ground in front of him. Palm leaves symbolise goodness and well-being.</p>  | <p>On Maundy Thursday, the story of the Last Supper is remembered. 'Maundy' comes from a word that means command. At his last supper, Jesus told his disciples to love one another. Jesus knew that this would be his last supper and that one of his disciples (Judas), would betray him.</p> | <p>During the Last Supper, Jesus shared some bread and wine with his disciples. Jesus said the bread was his body and the wine was his blood. During Holy Communion, Christians re-enact this special moment from the Last Supper.</p>  |

Holy Week


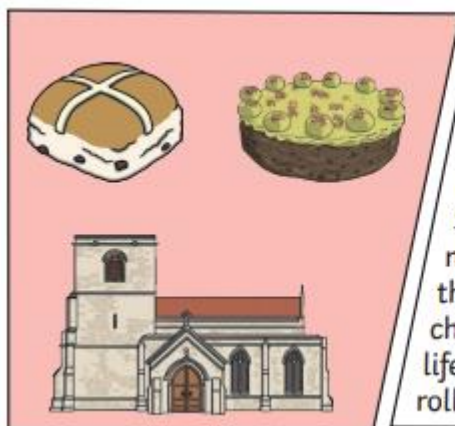
Holy Week is the week leading up to **Easter**. The **Easter** story is very important to **Christians** as it reminds them of **Jesus'** death and celebrates his **resurrection**. There are four important days during Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and **Easter** Sunday.



Good Friday

On Good Friday, **Christians** remember the day that **Jesus** was **crucified**. Leaders in Jerusalem were jealous that people listened to **Jesus** and so they had him **crucified**. **Christians** believe it is 'good', because **Jesus** showed great love and died for the **sins** of others. When he died, his body was put in a stone **tomb**.

On **Easter** Sunday, **Christians** celebrate **Jesus'** **resurrection**. The **resurrection** of **Jesus** gives **Christians** the promise of **eternal** life in **heaven**.

Easter Traditions

Many **Christians** go to church at **Easter**. Parts of the **Bible** are read and special **hymns** are sung. Hot cross buns are eaten. The cross reminds people that **Jesus** died on the cross. Many **Christians** send **Easter** cards. Simnel cake is eaten. It is a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls on the top. These represent all of the **disciples** except Judas. Eggs are painted and chocolate eggs are given. The eggs **symbolise** new life and are the same shape as the rock that was rolled in front of **Jesus'** **tomb**.

A Surprise

Some of **Jesus'** friends went to visit his **tomb** on the Sunday after he died. They were surprised to find it empty. After his **resurrection** **Jesus** visited his **disciples** before going up to **heaven** to live with God.

