

## Vocabulary

Word	Meaning
<b>communion</b>	The sharing of specially blessed bread and wine, which then becomes/represents the body and blood of Jesus to commemorate the Last Supper and Jesus' death and resurrection.
<b>crucifixion</b>	Being put to death by being nailed to a cross.
<b>disciples</b>	Jesus' special friends.
<b>incarnation</b>	God as man.
<b>Messiah</b>	Jesus, who Christians believe was their saviour.
<b>prophecies</b>	When someone says what will happen in the future.
<b>resurrection</b>	Coming back to life after being put to death.



## Our Focus

In this unit we will learn about the Christian concepts of Salvation and the Gospels, where we find the story of Holy Week (the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection starting with Palm Sunday and finishing on Easter Sunday).

## The Big Question:

What is good about Good Friday?

## Key Knowledge

**Salvation:** the belief that Jesus' death and resurrection saved humans

and opened the way back to God for eternity.

All 4 of the Gospels (the accounts of Jesus' life on earth linked to his closest friends) tell the story of Holy Week. The day before Good Friday is called 'Maundy Thursday' and is the day he ate a 'Last Supper' with his friends. The passing of the cup of wine and breaking of bread at this supper is commemorated in the Christian sacrament of **communion**.



Good Friday is the day when Christians commemorate the death of Jesus on the cross. Christians believe his death on Good Friday was necessary to bring forth the **resurrection** on Easter Sunday.

## History

- Crucifixion was a common punishment for certain crimes in Jesus' times. The Bible says Jesus was put to death along with two thieves.
- Jesus fulfilled many **prophecies** from the Old Testament throughout his life, but especially over Holy Week. These allowed his disciples, who would have known these verses, to have even more belief that he was the long-awaited **Messiah**.

# Christianity

## Making Links



Christians believe that Jesus went willingly to his death because he trusted God as his father.



The word Gospel means “good news” as Christians believe Jesus’ **incarnation** (God becoming man) is good news for all people.

They believe in eternal life with God because of Jesus rising from the dead.



## Personal Connections

- Can I consider a belief where somebody comes back to life from the dead and which therefore makes their death a ‘good’ thing?
- How do I feel about this?



## Life as a Christian

Christians believe that it was God’s plan that Jesus was to suffer death in this way to show that people can be forgiven and have a fresh start. Jesus forgave the thief and bystanders at his crucifixion.

Many Christians will go regularly to church to share in communion, in memory of the death and resurrection of Christ and Christians who do not attend more regularly may go to the Easter services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



## To think about at home

### What do we already know?

- What do my family know about the Christian belief commemorated at Easter?
- What do we do to celebrate Easter, if anything?
- How do some of the Easter traditions reflect what happens in nature during spring?