# Year 2 RE Spring 2

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### 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.

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	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	The Last Supper
for 2 a ch,	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	On Maundy Thursday, the story of the Last Supper is remembered. 'Maundy' comes from a word that means command. At his last supper, <b>Jesus</b> told his <b>disciples</b> to love one another. <b>Jesus</b> knew	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.
	of him. Palm leaves symbolise goodness and well-being.	that this would be his last supper and that one of his <b>disciples</b> (Judas), would <b>betray</b> him.	

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**Key Vocabulary** 

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The oldest and most

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religion of Christianity.

The son of God.

important Christian festival.

### 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.

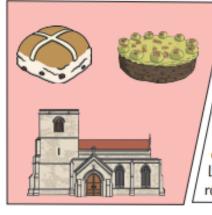
On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus gives Christians the promise of eternal life in heaven.



#### A Surprise

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.





Many Christians go to Easter Traditions 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.

For a video of The Easter story please follow the link below:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks1 -the-christian-story-of-easter/zhgv47h

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Key Vocabulary				
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 <mark>f</mark> orever.			
heaven	<b>Christians</b> believe this is where God lives and where good people go after death.			
bible	The Christian holy book.			
hymns	Religious songs.			