

Year 3 – Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?



What we already know:

Foundation Stage – F3 Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?
 Year 1/2 - 1. Why does Easter matter to Christians?
 Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible. Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even for putting him on the cross. Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans. Christians believe Jesus rose again, giving people hope of a new life.

What's next?

Year 4 L2.5 Why do Christians remember the events of Holy Week every year? Digging Deeper
 Year 5 U2B.6 What did Jesus do to save human beings? Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God. The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. The New Testament says that Jesus' death was somehow 'for us'. Christians interpret this in a variety of ways: for example, as a sacrifice for sin; as a victory over sin, death and the devil; paying the punishment as a substitute for everyone's sins; rescuing the lost and leading them to God; leading from darkness to light. Christians remember Jesus' sacrifice through the service of Holy Communion (also called the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist or the Mass). Christians believe that Jesus calls them to sacrifice their own needs to the needs of others, and some are prepared to die for others and for their faith.
 Year 6 U2B.7 What difference does the resurrection make to Christians? Christians read the 'big story' of the Bible as pointing out the need for God to save people. This salvation includes the ongoing restoration of humans' relationship with God. The Gospels give accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection. Belief in Jesus' resurrection confirms to Christians that Jesus is the incarnate Son of God, but also that death is not the end. This belief gives Christians hope for life with God, starting now and continuing in a new life (heaven).

Summary of Knowledge

Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection. The various events of Holy Week, such as the Last Supper, were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do. Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead, and so is still alive today. Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.

Mini Question 1

Why do you think the crosses are given different names?

Palm Sunday – First day of Holy Week. The Sunday before Easter. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. Palm Cross
 Maundy Thursday – Thursday before Easter. Jesus ate at the Passover meal – also known as the last supper.
 Good Friday – Friday before Easter Sunday. Jesus was executed on a cross. Crucifix.
 Easter Sunday – Jesus was resurrected. Jesus' body had gone from the tomb. Plain Cross.



Mini Question 2

Do you think that Mary would call the day Jesus died Good Friday? Why?

Making Sense of the Text - Matthew 21:7–11, Luke 23:13–25, 32–48 and Luke 24:1–12.
 Mary, Jesus' mother would have experienced lots of different feelings during the course of Holy Week.
 How would she have felt on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday?



Mini Question 3

How do you feel about Holy Week?

Everyone experiences different feelings at different points in their lives or even at different times in the same day. Christians experience different feelings at different points during the course of Holy Week. For Christians these three parts of the story are about joy, sadness or despair, and hope. If Jesus understood his death as a choice and part of God's big plan of salvation then his emotions might differ from the disciples.



Mini Question 4

What do you think happened on Easter Sunday?

There are lots of events that take place today over the course of Holy Week in the Christian Church and community.
 On Good Friday evening the church is stripped of all its colour and all decorations are removed to represent the crucifixion of Jesus.
 On Easter Sunday new life is brought into the church to represent the resurrection of Jesus.



Vocabulary

Creation
 Crucifix
 Crucifixion
 Death
 Despair
 Disciples
 Easter Emotion
 Eucharist
 Fall

Gospel
 Holy communion
 Holy Week
 Hope Incarnation
 Jerusalem
 Joy
 Mass
 Mourning
 Palm branches

Plain cross
 Resurrection
 Sacrifice
 Sadness
 Salvation
 Salvation
 Suffering
 Tomb