

Expressing

Year: 4 Term: 4

Key question: Why are festivals important to religious communities?

Easter is a festival celebrated by Christians. It is the oldest and most important Christian festival. Easter celebrates the death and coming to life again of Jesus Christ. For Christians, the dawn of Easter Sunday with its message of new life is the high point of the Christian year. 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. 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.

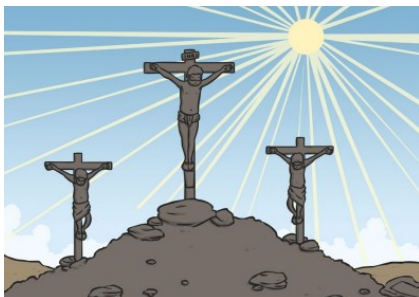
Jewish people celebrate Pesach or 'Passover' during the spring time. Jewish people remember how the Israelite people were freed from slavery by Moses over 3000 years ago. The story of Passover is in the Torah, the Jewish holy book. Passover is celebrated for seven or eight days. On the evening before Passover begins, there is a special service called a Seder. At the Seder meal there is a special Seder plate on the table.

Vocabulary

Pesach	Pesach means 'Passover' in Hebrew. The Passover holiday, commemorates the Jewish Exodus from Egypt. Passover is celebrated in the springtime.
seder meal	The Seder is the traditional Passover meal that includes reading, drinking 4 cups of wine, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and other Passover traditions.
Easter	A Christian festival commemorating the resurrection of Jesus.
crucified	Put to death on a cross.
resurrection	The rising of Jesus Christ from the dead.
Palm Sunday	The first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter
Maundy Thursday	The fifth day of Holy Week which remembers the Last Supper with Jesus and His disciples.
Good Friday	The day Jesus died on the cross.
symbol	A thing that represents or stands for something else.

Key Questions:

- What is worth celebrating? What do Christians celebrate at Easter?
- What do Christians believe happened on Easter Sunday morning?
- What does the crucifying of Jesus mean to Christians?
- Why do Jewish people celebrate Pesach?
- What can we learnt from celebrations and festivals?



Good Friday



Resurrection



Pesach celebrations