



Phase: KS1

Topic: Why does Easter matter to Christians?

What should I already know?

- That Christians believe in God and Jesus
- Christians celebrate Christmas as this marks the birth of Jesus, the son of God
- God created the world and everything in it
- Spring is a season and marks the end of winter and the beginning of new life

Good Friday

On **Good Friday**, Jesus Christ was executed by **crucifixion** (being placed on a cross). His body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave.

Jesus' tomb was guarded and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.

Easter Sunday

On the following Sunday, some women visited the grave and found that the stone had been moved, and that the tomb was empty.

Jesus himself was seen that day, and for days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead.

Values

Challenge	What challenges did the disciples face?
Commit	How Jesus show commitment to his beliefs?
Conquer	How do Christians conquer their sins and seek forgiveness?
Celebrate	How do Christians celebrate Holy week?

Key facts and figures

Place of Origin: Israel
 Founder: Jesus
 Sacred Text: The Bible
 Sacred Building: Church, Chapel, Cathedral
 Holy Places: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth
 Major Festivals: Easter, Christmas



Technical vocabulary

Salvation	Being rescued by God from doing something wrong
Good Friday	the Friday before Easter Sunday, on which the Crucifixion of Christ is commemorated in the Christian Church. It is traditionally a day of fasting and penance.
Betrayal	A breaking of trust
Crucified	How Jesus died on the cross
Holy Week	The week between Palm Sunday and Easter
Palm Sunday	is a celebration for honouring Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem
Easter Sunday	Commemorates the resurrection of Jesus

