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*Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities*

# SALVATION

## Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Easter is a very important part in the 'big story' of the Bible.

Christians believe Jesus died on a cross.

Christians believe that after three days Jesus came back to life.

Christians believe Jesus' resurrection gives people hope of a new life.

Easter is the time when Christians remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection.



Christians believe everyone can have a fresh start just like the soil gaining new seeds, getting water and growing new grass. Christians believe because of Jesus and can be friends with God.



	<h3>Palm Sunday</h3> <p>Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.</p>
	<h3>Maundy Thursday</h3> <p>Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.</p>
	<h3>Good Friday</h3> <p>Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.</p>
	<h3>Holy Saturday</h3> <p>Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.</p>
	<h3>Easter Sunday</h3> <p>Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.</p>

Key Vocabulary	
Jesus	God's son on Earth
Holy Week	The week before Easter
Easter	A Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus
Garden of Gethsemane	A garden outside Jerusalem where Jesus went to pray before he was put on the cross.
Hope	A feeling of expectation that you really want something to happen
Sin	Behaving in negative way that breaks rules or laws
Salvation	Being rescued from harm or loss
Bible	The book that tells us about Jesus and God

Easter Eggs are used by Christians not just as yummy treats but as reminders - of the New Life offered in Jesus, - of the stone in front of the tomb on Good Friday - of the hollow empty tomb on Easter Day (when broken open).