

Year 5: Why is The Last Supper so important to Christians?



Holy Week

Holy Week is the final week in the life of Jesus, and therefore, a very holy time for Christians. The days of Holy Week are:

- **Palm Sunday:** Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey;
- **Maundy Thursday:** The Last Supper;
- **Good Friday:** Jesus was killed by crucifixion;
- **Easter Day:** Jesus was resurrected.

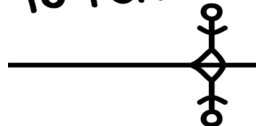
What happened at The Last Supper?



The Last Supper was the final meal that Jesus shared with his disciples, the night before his crucifixion.

During the meal, Jesus predicted that one of his disciples would betray him. At the end of the meal, Jesus broke unleavened bread and shared wine with his disciples, telling them to do this in remembrance of him. Jesus then washed the feet of his disciples.

Take time
to reflect



Have you ever felt betrayed?
Have you ever betrayed someone or let someone
down? How did this make you feel?

CRC Article 14: All children have the right to their own religion.



Vocabulary

Eucharist	A Christian ceremony in which bread and wine are consumed in remembrance of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.
Eucharist Service	A service to remember the last meal.
Holy Communion	The service in which bread and wine are shared to remember the Last Supper.
Holy Week	The final week in the life of Jesus.
Lent	A period of 6 weeks leading up to Easter.
Mass	A Christian service in a church.
Maundy Thursday	The day of The Last Supper.
Passover	A Jewish festival that honours the freedom and exodus of the Israelites (Jewish slaves) from Egypt.
trial	When a judge and jury listen to evidence.

What happens at the Eucharist Service?

The prayers and readings in a **Eucharist** service remind those taking part of the final meal, and of the solemn words and actions, of Jesus standing at the edge of death.



The people taking part, drink a sip of wine, or grape juice, and eat a tiny piece of some form of bread, both of which have been consecrated.

Different churches have different ways of doing this, and different ways of understanding what it means.

Although all denominations recognise the importance of the Eucharist, they differ about its meaning.