

Year 6: Why are Good Friday and Easter days the most important days for Christians?

Good Friday

The most solemn day in the year, remembering that Jesus was killed by **crucifixion**. Special church services are held between 12pm and 3pm; the hour when Jesus is alleged to have died. Special hymns are sung and appropriate biblical passages are read. This is the most sombre service of the whole year.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is also known as **Resurrection Day**. It is the day when Christians remember that Jesus came back to life, defeated evil, the devil, death and despair. It is the most important day in the whole Christian year and sums up what Christianity is about: love, forgiveness, eternal life, joy and hope.

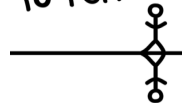
What are the Christian beliefs?

Christians believe in: Jesus as the Son of God; God is Love, prepared to die for others; Jesus as the sacrifice which provides the path to a relationship with God; fear gives way to joy, despair to hope, love, forgiveness, eternal life, darkness overcome by light and the light of God.

Vocabulary

belief	An acceptance that something exists or is true.
crucifixion	The killing of Jesus Christ on the cross.
despair	To give up hope.
fear	A feeling of being afraid.
hope	To want something to happen or to be true.
joy	To feel happiness.
resurrection	The rising of Christ from the dead.
sorrow	A feeling of deep distress caused by loss.

Take time to reflect



Has there ever been a time that you have felt **despair** or **hope**?
What, or who, has helped you?

Jesus' Timeline

Palm Sunday

Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday

Jesus had a final meal with his disciples.
He was arrested and tried.

Good Friday

Jesus was killed on the cross (**crucifixion**).

Easter Saturday

Easter Sunday

Jesus rose from the dead (**resurrection**).