



Year: 1  
Term: Spring 2

## Salvation: 1.5 Why does Easter matter to Christians? (Core)

### Prior Knowledge

Pupils will have explored a simplified version of the Easter Story. (EYFS)  
They will have begun to explore that Easter means *new life*. (EYFS)

### Key Knowledge

- Christians celebrate Easter.
- Easter is a festival that occurs in springtime to remember a very important part of the bible. Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. They believe that Jesus is God. The life of Jesus and many things he did are found in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) in the New Testament. The Easter story is one of sadness (Jesus dies) and one of happiness (Jesus rises again).
- There are 5 parts to the Easter Story which Year 1 need to be able to recall. Some of these have names.
  - 1) The entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
  - 2) Jesus' betrayal and arrest at the Mount of Olives
  - 3) Jesus' crucifixion (Good Friday)
  - 4) The empty tomb (Easter Sunday)
  - 5) Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the disciples
- Christians believe that Jesus rose again which means that they can live with him in Heaven when they die. No one knows what heaven is like, but Christians believe that there will be no tears and people who know God will find peace and rest there.
- Without Jesus rising again, Christians would not believe that he was both a man and God.

### Key Enquiry Lines

- To understand that Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible
- To understand that Christians believe that Jesus rose again, giving people hope and new life

### Key Question

**Why does Easter matter to Christians?**

### Key Vocabulary

Jesus Christian Easter Salvation  
Saviour  
Crucifixion Resurrection  
Hope