



Year: 2

Term: Spring 2

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

### Prior Knowledge

Pupils will have retold the Easter Story. (EYFS/Y1 Spring 2)

They will have begun to explore that Easter means *new life* and that this story gives hope to Christians. (Y1 Spring 2)

They will have begun to express their own thoughts and feelings on the main aspects of the Easter Story. (Y1 Spring 2)

### Key Knowledge

- Children should already know the key events of Holy Week and should be able to recall them:
  - 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
- To add to the previous learning these points should be added to the children's knowledge:
  - The Last Supper (between points 1 and 2) On the Thursday night, Jesus ate a Passover meal (MENTION THAT THIS IS A JEWISH TRADITION), and told the disciples that he was going to die and then going to rise again.
  - Jesus washed the feet of his disciples during the Passover meal. This was an act that showed that he loved them and shows how Christians should be to other people.
  - Jesus' trial (Between points 2 and 3) Even though Jesus had never done anything wrong and was sinless, Pilate agreed to crucify him with two others because the crowd wanted him to.
- Christians believe that the world is spoiled by sin (the bad things that people do/the failure to do good things) but that Jesus coming and dying in their place means that Christians can still have a relationship with God.
- Jesus dying built a bridge between God and humanity because when God looks at Christians, he now sees perfection. He now sees Jesus rather than humans who sin.

### Key Enquiry Lines

- To understand that Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even for putting him on the cross.
- To understand that Christians believe that Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans.

### Key Question

**Why does Easter matter to Christians?**

### Key Vocabulary

Passover Last Supper Salvation  
Saviour Disciples Betrayal  
Crucifixion Resurrection Forgiveness