



Year: 3

Term: Spring 2

Salvation: 2a.5 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday? (Core Learning)

Prior Knowledge

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

They will have discussed how Easter helped build a bridge between God and humans (Y2 Spring 2)

Key Knowledge

- Children should already know the key events of Holy Week and should be able to recall them:
 - The entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
 - The Last Supper
 - Jesus Washing the disciples feet
 - Jesus' betrayal and arrest at the Mount of Olives
 - Jesus' trial
 - Jesus' crucifixion (Good Friday)
 - The empty tomb (Easter Sunday)
 - Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the disciples
- Good Friday was the day that Jesus was crucified on a cross despite being sinless. Luke 23:13-25, 32-48. Even though Christians believe that Jesus is God and therefore part of the Trinity (link with Year 3 Autumn 1 learning), they also believe he was totally human too. The day that he died was a day of mixed emotions for many. How would his family have felt on this day? How would his mother, Mary, have felt? How would they feel knowing a man who hadn't done anything wrong according to the law was punished?
- Good Friday would not have been called Good Friday had Easter Sunday (or Resurrection Sunday) have happened. On this day, Christians believe that Jesus rose again which fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies and was what he came to earth to do. Luke 24:1-12. On this day, how would his family have felt? How would his mother, Mary, have felt? Is there a difference between how Christians and people who have different religions/worldviews respond to the story? What do they believe about the story?
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Key Enquiry Lines

- To understand that Christians see Holy Week as the culmination of Jesus' Earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.
- To understand that the events of Holy Week were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to Earth to do.
- To understand that Christians today trust that Jesus rose from the dead and believe he is still alive today.
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Key Question

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Key Vocabulary

Passover Last Supper Salvation
Saviour Disciples Crucifixion
Resurrection Good Friday