

Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

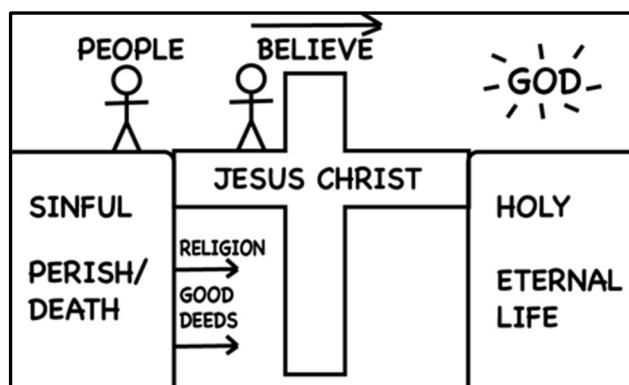
Key Vocabulary and Definitions			
Cross	Vertical and horizontal bars. Represents the cross Jesus died on.	Incarnation	The birth of Jesus - God the Son in human flesh.
Crucifixion	Referring to the death of Jesus on a cross. A Roman punishment.	Maundy Thursday	The day before Good Friday; the day of the Last Supper.
Easter Sunday	The most important day for Christians when Jesus rose from the dead.	Palm Sunday	Commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and is the start of Holy Week.
Good Friday	The day that Jesus died. The day he was tried by Pontius Pilate and crucified on Golgotha Hill.	Resurrection	Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead and became "Christ", the risen one, the Messiah.
Holy Week	The last week of Jesus' earthly life, starting on Palm Sunday.	Sacrifice	The act of giving something up for something more important.
Hope	A feeling of expectation and a desire for something to happen.	Salvation	The act of saving or being saved.

What should I already know?

- Easter is very important in the 'big story' of the Bible. Jesus showed that he was willing to forgive all people, even putting himself on the cross.
- Christians believe Jesus builds a bridge between God and humans.
- Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead, giving people hope of a new life.

What will I know about why the day Jesus died is called Good Friday?

1	Palm Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The beginning of Holy Week, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, welcomed by people throwing down cloaks and palm branches. In churches, palm crosses are often given out and kept by Christians in their homes to show their beliefs.
2	Maundy Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The disciples met with Jesus to celebrate a Passover meal together. At services on Maundy Thursday, communion is shared and in some churches the vicar or priest might wash people's feet.
3	Good Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After his crucifixion and death on Golgotha Hill, Jesus was placed in a tomb carved in the rock and a stone was rolled over the entrance to block the tomb. The origin of the name 'Good Friday' is in the fact that an alternative meaning for good is 'holy'. Christians remember it as the anniversary of Jesus dying for their sins so that they can be with God and Jesus in Heaven.
4	Easter Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. When the women went to the empty tomb, they found that the body of Jesus had disappeared. Later that day, Jesus was seen by Mary and the disciples. Over the next 40 days there were many sightings of Jesus.
Key Bible Texts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matthew 21:7-11, Luke 23:13-25, 32-48, Luke 24:1-12 (The events of Holy Week)



What should I be able to do by the end of this unit of work?

- Sequence the events of Holy Week.
- Know that the death and resurrection of Jesus are the central part of the story of the Bible.
- Explain that the relationship between people and God begins to be restored.
- Understand that the Easter story is Good News for Christians who believe it to be true.
- Describe how Christians celebrate Easter.