

Religious Education

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



Friday 5th February, 2021

WALT understand Mary's emotions during the Holy Week.

What do you know about what happened to Jesus at Easter?

In RE we have learnt about the creation and the fall and the incarnation - The Holy Trinity. We are now going to be learning about the 'Salvation', and that Christians believe Jesus came to 'save' or 'rescue' people by showing them how to live.

Christians believe humans are separated from God because they all sin – that is, they prefer to go their own way rather than God's.

Most Christians say that Jesus came to show people how to live a life of love and obedience – saving or rescuing them by helping them to live God's way.

Some Christians say Jesus did more – that he actually died to pay the penalty for all people's sin

The 40 days leading up to Easter is called Lent and this is known to be a period of time when some people give something up or start something new?

The last week of lent is called...
HOLY WEEK.



The Baptism of the Christ with Dove is a painting by
Daniel Bonnell

You are going to be thinking about the emotions that Mary, the mother of Jesus, would have felt for three important days in Holy Week: Jesus entering Jerusalem (Palm Sunday), the day Jesus died (Good Friday), and the day Jesus came back to life (Easter Sunday)

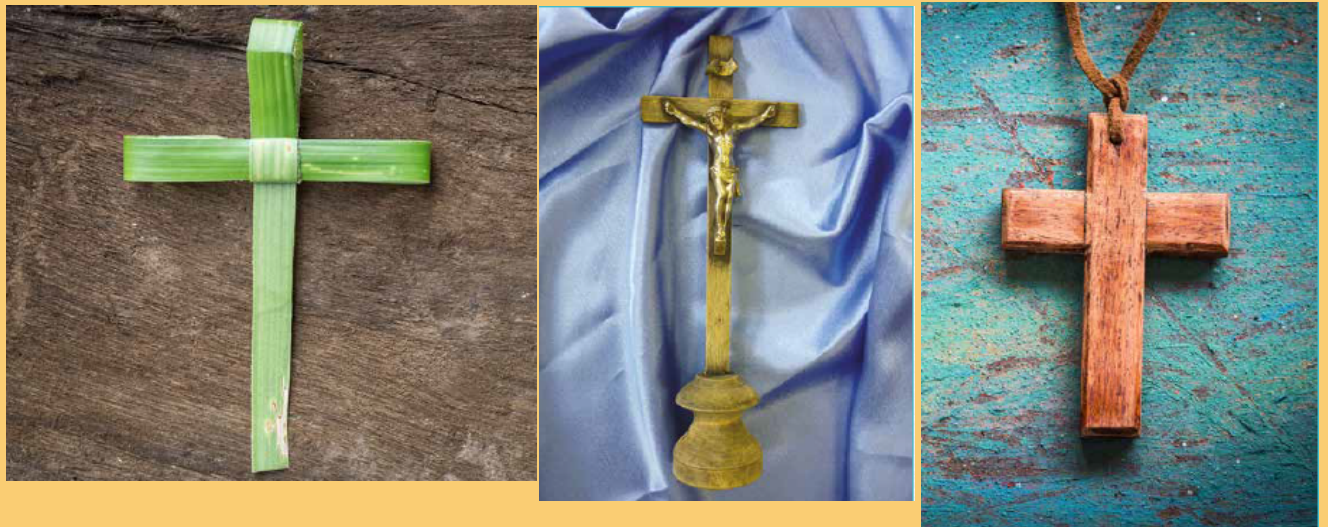


You are going to create an emotion graph for Mary. You need to record her emotions at each of the three parts of the story.



The start of holy week is called **PALM SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday reminds Christians of the journey Jesus made into Jerusalem on a donkey. Jesus chose a donkey to show that he had come in peace. On that day many people welcomed Jesus by shouting and waving palm branches. They hoped that Jesus was the Saviour who the Bible had promised.



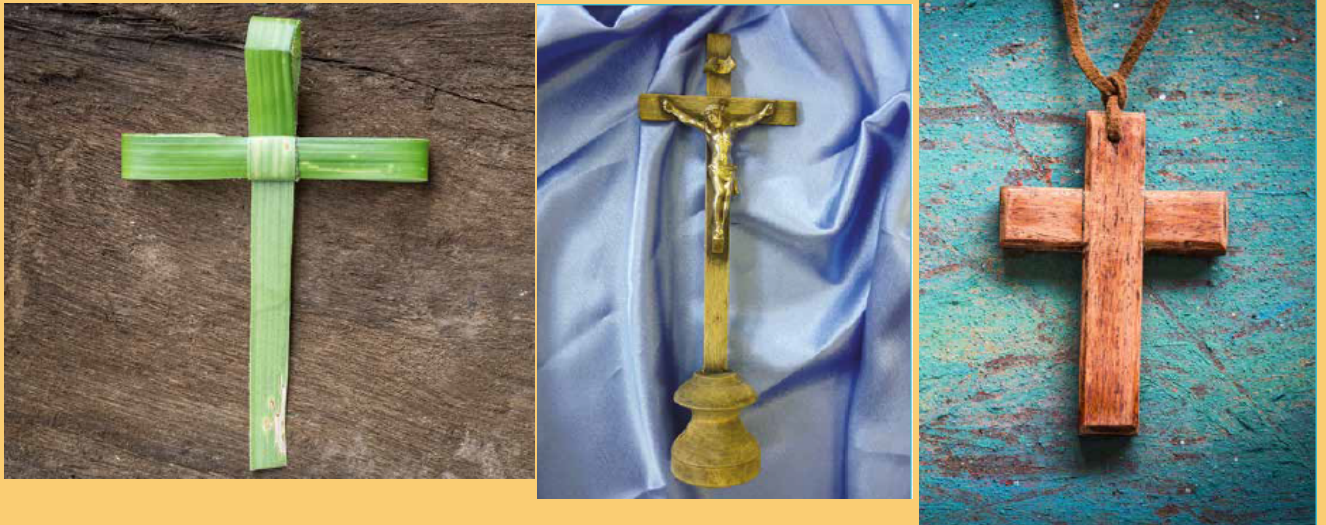
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Now mark on the graph the emotions felt by Mary on Palm Sunday.



According to the Bible, on the evening before Good Friday (Maundy Thursday), Jesus told his disciples to expect his death during what's known as the Last Supper. He also told them that from then on, if they ate bread and drank wine they would be eating his body and drinking his blood. This is now known by some Christians as Holy communion. One of his disciples Judas betrayed him and this helped the royal soldiers find Jesus in Gethsemane. Jesus was arrested and was given the sentence of death. On Good Friday a crown of thorns was placed on Jesus' head, then he was whipped and bound to a wooden cross. Jesus then had to carry his cross to the site of execution. There, he was crucified along with two criminals.



Which of these three crosses represents Good Friday and why?



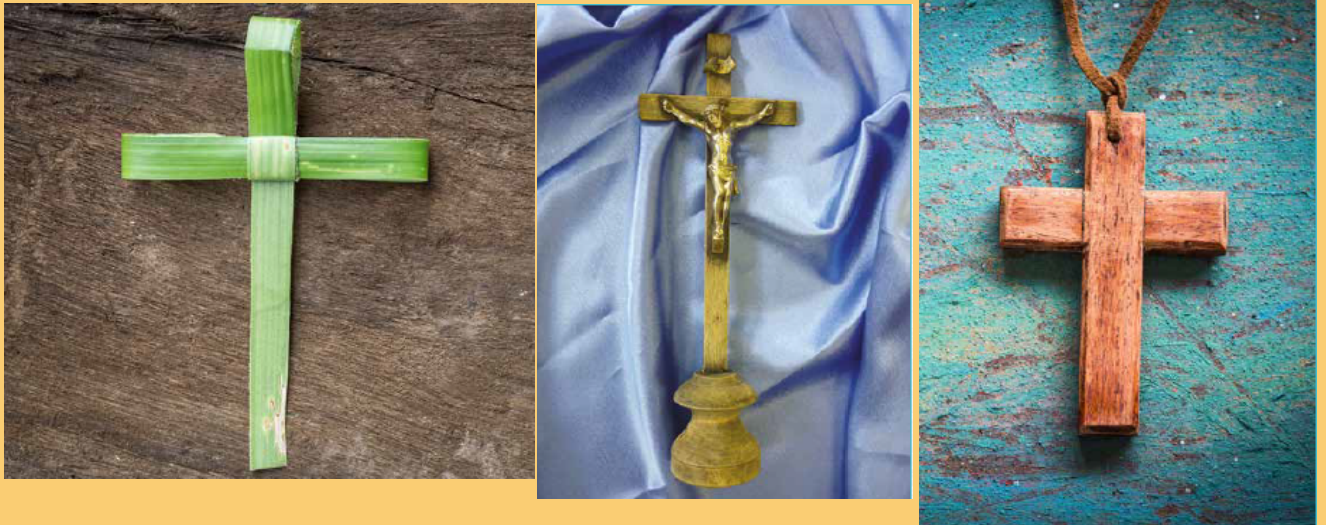
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Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection. The gospels record that after Jesus was crucified, his body was taken down from the cross, and placed in a cave. The cave was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no one could steal the body.

On Sunday, three days after the crucifixion, Mary Magdalene followed by some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb to find that the stone had been moved and Jesus' body had gone. According to the Gospels, Jesus was seen that day by Mary Magdalene, and was seen for 40 days afterwards by the disciples.

Christians call this the Resurrection and they believe that God raised Jesus from the dead as a sign that He accepted Jesus' sacrifice for the redemption of sin and that mankind is forgiven and will have eternal life in Heaven.



Which of these three crosses represents Easter Sunday and why?



Now mark on the graph the emotions felt by Mary on Easter Sunday.

Discuss:

Would Mary call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?

Would she say something different on Sunday?