

Shared Reading

Easter

Easter is an important Christian festival. At this time of the year, Christians remember the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The week leading up to Easter Sunday is called Holy Week. During this week, Christians remember the last week of Jesus' life. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday.

The First Palm Sunday

Jesus and His followers went to Jerusalem for the Passover meal. As Jesus rode the donkey, people cut branches from the palm trees and put them on the ground in front of Him. They shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel!" This was to show Jesus that they believed in Him as their King.

To welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, a large crowd waved palm leaves. The leaders saw how the people loved Jesus and they became angry and jealous.

Palm Sunday Today

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter Day. There are special church services which remember Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. Crosses made from palm leaves are given out as a symbol of the Christian faith.

The First Maundy Thursday

Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and told them they must serve others, just as Jesus had served them.

Jesus celebrated Passover with His disciples. He knew He was soon to die and that this meal would be His last; this is known as the Last Supper. One of Jesus' disciples would betray Him.



Retrieval

1. On the first Palm Sunday...

- Jesus washed the feet of his disciples
- Jesus arrived in Jerusalem
- Jesus' body was placed in the tomb
- Jesus was crucified

2. What might you be given if you go to church on Palm Sunday?

3. Language What does resurrection mean? Tick it.

To sacrifice something **to come back to life** **to build something**

4. Inference

Why do you think Christians celebrate Easter?

Symbol



A thing that represents or stands for something else