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Topic: Salvation - Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'?



The most important festival for Christians is **Easter** and it is a time when they remember the **crucifixion** of Jesus on Good Friday and his **resurrection** on Easter Sunday.



The Fall - God and humans are apart

Holy Week is the title given to the last week of Jesus' life and begins on **Palm Sunday**. On this day Christians remember how Jesus entered the city of **Jerusalem** on a donkey. The events of Holy Week include Jesus and his disciples sharing a meal which is called The Last Supper, his trial, crucifixion and resurrection.



Holy Week

In the big story of the Bible, Christians believe that the Fall led to a split between humans and God and that Jesus died so that people would receive **forgiveness** for the sins they have committed. This belief is that Jesus' death led to the **salvation** of humanity so they can be with God as they were during the Creation and before the Fall.



Salvation - God and humans are at one with each other

Good Friday is called good because, by the act of Jesus being crucified on **Calvary** and by defeating death and being resurrected on Easter Sunday, he restored the relationship between God and humanity. His act of sacrifice although sad became good because Christians believe anyone can be saved and go back to God.

Glossary

- Calvary** The hill outside Jerusalem on which Jesus was put to death.
- crucifixion** The way Jesus was put to death by nailing him to a cross.
- disciple** A follower of Jesus' teachings.
- Easter** The Christian festival which remembers the resurrection of Jesus.
- forgiveness** When someone is stopped being blamed or punished for something they have done.
- Jerusalem** The city where the Jewish temple was located.
- Palm Sunday** The first day of Holy Week when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.
- resurrection** Jesus' return to life after dying.
- salvation** Being saved or rescued so that Christians are no longer away from God.
- sin** An act which goes against God's laws.

Salvation

