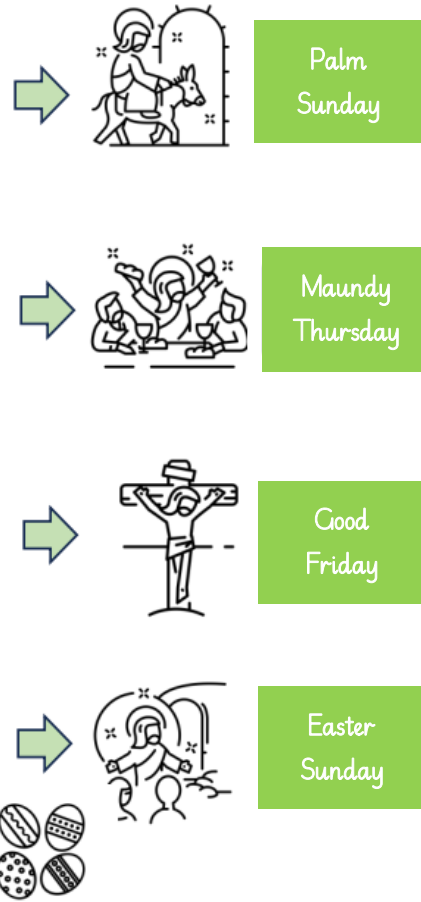


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Easter is the most important celebration for Christians during the year. It is a time for them to reflect on the events in the life of Jesus from Palm through to Easter Sunday.

Christians remember how through his death and **resurrection** Jesus healed the rift between humanity and **God** caused by sin.

Christians refer to Jesus as **Saviour** as he saved them from being away from God and brought them **salvation** so that when they die, they can have **eternal life** in heaven with God.

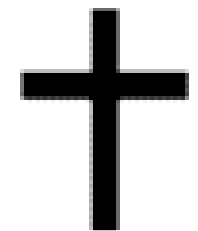
On Easter Sunday Christians feel happy as they remember the **resurrection** of Jesus when he defeated death and came back to life with a promise of eternal life.

Other people will focus on the secular celebration of Easter by giving Easter Eggs and looking out for the Easter Bunny. Even though this is the same time of year it can be celebrated very differently, although Christians may also give Easter Eggs but will always think about the death and resurrection of Jesus as the eggs symbolize the new life Jesus has brought as the **Saviour**.

Glossary

- Easter** The oldest and most important Christian festival.
- eternal life** The belief that through Jesus' death Christians can go to Heaven to be with God for eternity.
- God** The all loving and powerful being that Christians believe created the world and everything in it.
- Good Friday** The Friday of Holy Week, the day on which Jesus was crucified.
- religious** Believing in a religion.
- resurrection** Jesus' return to life after dying.
- salvation** Being saved or rescued so that humans are no longer separated from God.
- Saviour** Jesus came to save or rescue people e.g. by showing them how to live.
- worship** To praise and follow God.

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