



# Christianity:

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

### Topic Overview

- Christians see Holy Week as the end of Jesus' earthly life, leading to his death and resurrection.
- The events of Holy Week were important in showing the disciples what Jesus came to earth to do.
- Christians today trust that Jesus really did rise from the dead and so is still alive today.
- Christians remember and celebrate Jesus' last week, death and resurrection.
- For Christians, Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday are times to remember the joy, sadness or despair and hope felt by the followers of Jesus, and Jesus himself.
- Christians believe Good Friday was necessary as it allowed the resurrection to happen - good came from the crucifixion as Jesus died for people's sins.
- Christians believe Jesus was resurrected to be with his Father, God. This gives Christians hope that when they do things wrong they can be forgiven, and that when they die they will go to heaven.

### Links with other religions

- **Bilal** (Islam). Bilal listened to the words of the prophet and believed that there was only one God. He stood up for his beliefs even when he was punished.
- **Guru Arjan** (Sikhism). The fifth Guru was sentenced to death by Emperor Jahangir after refusing to stop teaching Guru Nanak's message.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Holy Week	The week before Easter, starting on Palm Sunday.
Resurrection	The rising of Jesus from the dead.
Disciples	Followers of Jesus.
Salvation	The act of delivering (or keeping away) from evil or saving from sin.
Gospels	Tell the life and teachings of Jesus. There are four Gospels in the New Testament of the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
Mary	The mother of Jesus.
Palm Sunday	The day Jesus entered into Jerusalem on a donkey.
Good Friday	The day Jesus was crucified and died.
Easter Sunday	The day of Jesus' resurrection.

