



# Easter

## Key Vocabulary

New life    chicks    Easter eggs    Easter story    Bible  
Christians

## What is Easter?

- Easter is celebrated in March or April
- Christians celebrate it to remember Jesus becoming alive again.
- It is a time when we get Easter eggs
- New lambs and chicks are born

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**New life** - a time when new babies are born e.g. lambs, chicks.

**Chick**- a baby hen.

**Easter eggs**- chocolate treats to eat on Easter day.

**Easter Story**- a story in the Bible about Jesus.

**Bible**- a Christian's special book

**Celebrate**- a special time like a party or time with friends or family.

**Jesus**- an important person in the Bible



**Palm Sunday** is the first day of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Crowds of people came out of the city to greet him, throwing down palm branches on the road. In most countries, this day is celebrated with religious processions with crosses made from palm leaves or other plants to remind them of how Jesus was greeted in Jerusalem and of what came after.

**Maundy Thursday** is when Christians remember that Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, breaking bread and drinking wine, which is now known as the Last Supper. The word 'Maundy' comes from the mandate (command) given by Jesus at the Last Supper, that we should love one another. Jesus demonstrated this by washing the feet of the disciples - something a servant would normally do. Many Christians remember this by sharing bread and wine together in a service called Holy Communion, Eucharist or Mass. It is a reminder that Jesus sacrificed his life for mankind. Roman Catholic Church services include a ceremony in which the priest washes the feet of 12 people to commemorate Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples.

**Good Friday** is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It commemorates the execution of Jesus by crucifixion. Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. During special Good Friday services Christians remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith. In some countries, there are special Good Friday processions, or re-enactments of the Crucifixion.

**Easter Sunday** marks Jesus' resurrection. After Jesus was crucified on the Friday (now known as Good Friday), his body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave tomb. On the Sunday, Mary Magdalene, followed later by some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb and found that the stone had been moved, and that Jesus' body had gone. Jesus showed himself to Mary and the disciples that day, and for forty days afterwards by many people. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian festival and the one celebrated with the greatest joy.