

# Unit 3.4: Easter

## Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy?

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### Christian Concepts

God – Creation – Fall – People of God – Incarnation – Gospel – SALVATION – Kingdom of God

The aim of this unit is to:

- increase pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Easter story, exploring the feelings evoked then and now by different events throughout Holy Week.
- discover how the services held in churches during Holy week reflect the sadness and joy.
- develop further the pupils' understanding of the concept of salvation.

### Christian Values

Faith, Hope Love

### Key Skills

Investigate, Empathise, Interpret, Reflect

### Key Questions

- Is it possible to describe the events of Holy Week and Easter simply as events of joy or sadness? Why? Why not?
- Is the cross a symbol of sadness or joy?
- How do the services held in churches during Holy Week and Easter reflect the sadness and joy?
- Is Good Friday the beginning or the end?
- Is Easter Sunday the end or the beginning?

### Key Experiences

To listen to and retell the Easter Story, emphasising the emotions expressed by the people who were there at the time.  
To consider how the emotions of the events of Holy Week and Easter are reflected in church services.

### Key Vocabulary

Palm Sunday, Temple, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Good Friday, Crucified, Easter Sunday and Resurrection