

Holy Week

Betrayal, death and resurrection
of
Jesus

Palm Sunday

- Jesus came to Jerusalem to celebrate the festival of Pesach.
- He rode into the city on a donkey
- The people welcomed him waving palm leaves and shouting Hosanna, which meant 'save (us) now'
- Read (Mark 11:7-10).
- This marks the beginning of Holy Week which remember the events which led up to the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Today, some Christians make crosses out of Palm Leaves.



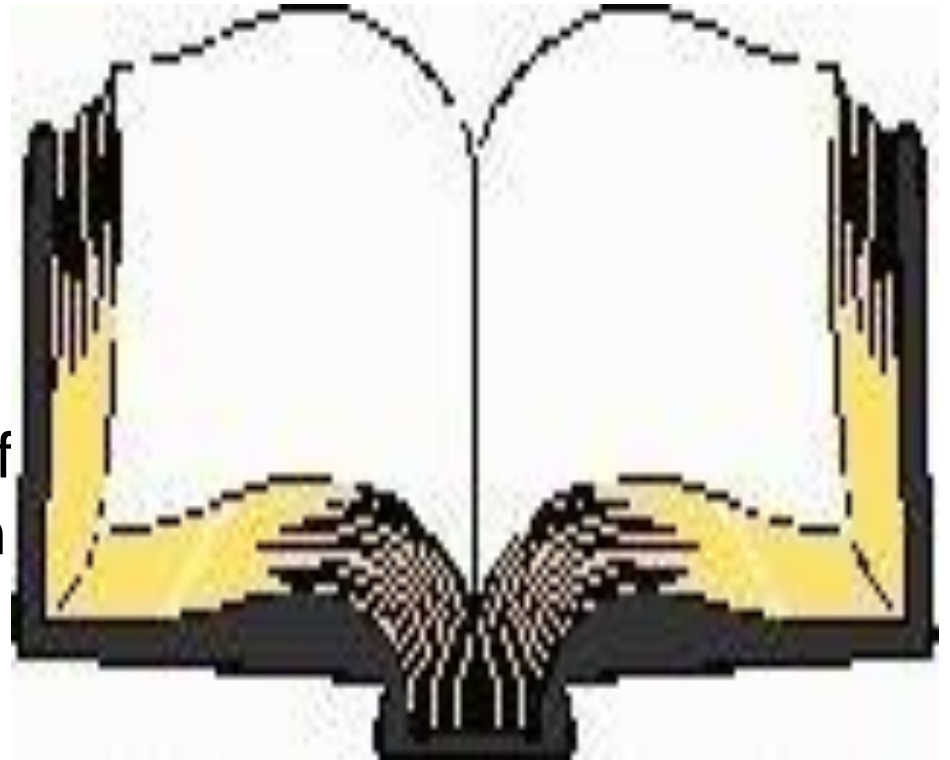
Holy Monday

- **Jesus went to preach in the Synagogue.**
- **When he got there, he was disgusted to see traders and money-changers.**
- **He overturned their tables and forced them out of the Synagogue.**
- **This angered the Jewish leaders the Sadducees and the Pharisees.**
- **Read (Matthew 21:12-17).**



Holy Tuesday

- Jesus spent the day praying and preaching in the Synagogue.
- In the meantime the Jewish Leaders were plotting a way to get rid of Jesus because they seen him as a threat.
- Read (Luke 22:1-3).



Holy Wednesday



- Jesus was in Bethany at a man called Simon's House. Simon suffered from a terrible skin disease
- Whilst Jesus was eating a woman came in with a jar of expensive perfume and poured it on his head.
- The disciples thought this was a waste
- Jesus questioned them saying the woman had anointed him and prepared him for burial.

Holy Wednesday continued

- In the meantime, Judas had become disillusioned with Jesus' teachings.
- Judas went to see the Jewish leaders and offered to betray Jesus.
- The Jewish leaders were more than happy with this arrangement and offered Judas some money; thirty pieces of silver.
- Read (Matthew 14:1-12)



Maundy Thursday



- The word Maundy comes from a Latin word which means 'command' which refers to Jesus telling his disciples to love one another.
- It was the Jewish festival of Pesach or Passover and Jesus celebrated with his disciples in Jerusalem.
- Jesus changed the original celebration, firstly he washed the feet of his friends.

Maundy Thursday continued

- The job of washing feet was usually a servant's job, Jesus did this as a symbolic act to show he had come to serve.
- During the Last Supper, Jesus compared the bread and wine to his body and blood.
- Judas slipped out during the meal to betray Jesus.
- Read (John 13:1-20)



Maundy Thursday continued

- After the meal, Jesus and the disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray.
- The disciples fell asleep, whilst Jesus called out to God for help. This is often referred to as the agony in the garden, because Jesus knew he was going to die.
- Shortly afterwards, Judas arrived with soldiers to arrest Jesus, he betrayed Jesus with a kiss.
- Read (Mark 14:32-52)



Maundy Thursday continued

- Jesus was taken to the High Priest's house in the middle of the night.
- He was accused of the crime of blasphemy which means speaking against religion.
- Many lies were told against Jesus but the evidence against him did not add up.
- Peter, one of the disciples followed Jesus, but was recognised, out of fear he denied ever knowing Jesus just as Jesus predicted he would
- Read (Mark 14:53-72)

Good Friday



- Jesus was handed over to the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate.
- The accounts of the Gospels vary slightly in details but all agree Pilate sentenced Jesus to death.
- It was the custom at this time for the Romans to release a prisoner because it was Pesach.
- The High Priests bribed the crowd to shout for Barabbus.
- So Barabbas was freed.

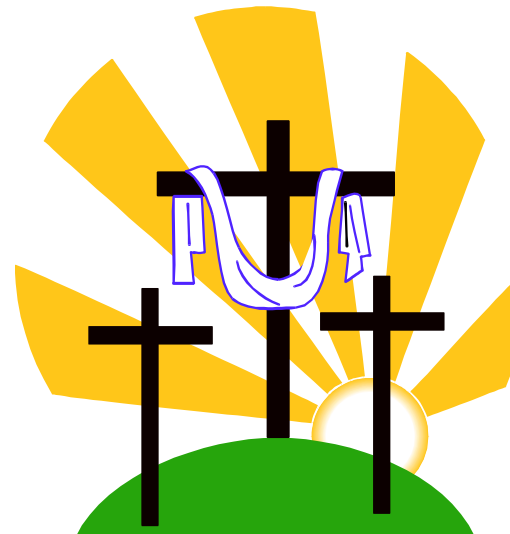
Good Friday continued

- Jesus was brutally whipped, and was made to wear a crown of thorns.
- The soldiers dressed him in a purple robe and mocked him.
- Jesus was made to carry the cross through the streets of Jerusalem until he reached Golgotha (the place of the skull) on the outskirts of the city.

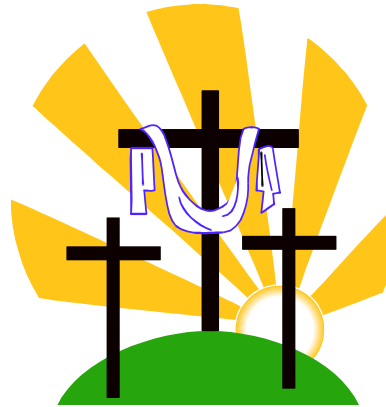


Good Friday continued

- Simon of Cyrene was made to help Jesus carry the cross.
- When Jesus reached Golgotha he was crucified, the sign above his head read 'King of the Jews' (INRI).
- Jesus was crucified with two thieves next to him, one on each side.

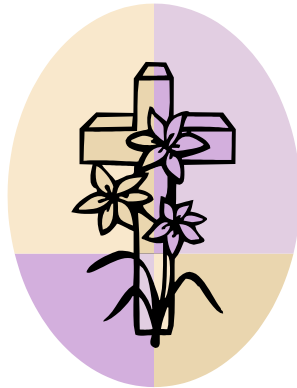


Good Friday continued



- Jesus died in the afternoon, around three o'clock.
- (Accounts vary slightly) Jesus cried out 'My God my God why have you forsaken me?'
- Mary the mother of Jesus and some of his followers were present at the crucifixion.
- The Temple curtain ripped from top to bottom and the Earth shook. The sky turned black.

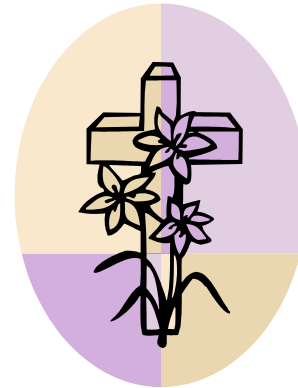
Good Friday continued



- The Roman soldiers divided Jesus' clothes among themselves by throwing a dice.
- Jesus was taken down from the cross because it was the Shabbat.
- The body of Jesus was given to Joseph of Aramathea, he wrapped the body in a sheet and placed it in a new tomb.

Good Friday continued

- The body could not be anointed because the Shabbat was about to begin.
 - (Accounts vary) The tomb was sealed, or guarded.
 - Read any of the Gospel accounts and look for similarities and differences.



Holy Saturday

- The body of Jesus lay in the tomb
- Jesus' followers rested as commanded by Jewish Law.



Easter Sunday

- The woman went to the tomb early in the morning to anoint Jesus' body with spices they had prepared.
- When they reached the tomb, accounts vary, but all agree the tomb was empty.
- In John's account Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, she mistakes him for a gardener.
- All accounts agree that one or two angels appeared and said Jesus had risen from the dead.



Easter Sunday



- There are varying accounts of sightings of Jesus after his death.
- They appear to indicate that he was changed in some way as people didn't recognise him straight away.
- Easter is the celebration of Jesus' triumph over death, proving he was the Son of God.

Easter Sunday

- Christians all over the world celebrate Easter by exchanging gifts of Easter Eggs.
- Eggs are a symbol of life.
- The word Easter comes from Eostre the name of the Anglo-Saxon goddess of dawn and spring
- Easter is also known as the 'Feast of Feasts'.

