



Prior Knowledge

Easter is the most important festival for Christians. It celebrates Jesus rising from the dead, three days after he died on the cross.

Palm – Christians remember when crowds lay palm leaves when Jesus went back to Jerusalem on a donkey.

Egg – They symbolise new life, rebirth and the empty tomb when Jesus was resurrected (born again after he died on the cross).

Bread and Wine – the body and blood of Jesus he gave to his followers at the last support

Lent is traditionally a time for giving something up and praying. This is to remember Jesus' sacrifice when he went into the desert to pray and fast for 40 days before later dying on the cross.

Christians believe that God cares for everyone and many people will pray for God to help them when their situations seem impossible. **Miracles** are when things that seem impossible happen.

New Knowledge

How do Christians mark Lent?

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Lent is marked by **fasting**, both from food and festivities. Whereas Easter celebrates the **resurrection** of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' **crucifixion** by Rome.

What are the events of the Easter Story?

- **Palm Sunday:** Jesus enters Jerusalem.
- **Holy Monday:** Anointing of Jesus at Bethany.
- **Holy Tuesday:** Jesus predicts his own death.
- **Spy Wednesday:** The day Judas arranged the betrayal of Jesus.
- **Maundy Thursday:** The Last Supper.
- **Good Friday:** The crucifixion of Jesus.
- **Easter Saturday:** Jesus was laid in a tomb after his death.
- **Easter Sunday:** Jesus resurrected on the third day he had told his disciples.



What does the Ascension mean to Christians?

Ascension, most Christian believes, the ascent of Jesus Christ into heaven on the 40th day after his **Resurrection** (Easter being thought of as the first day). Prior to that time, the **Ascension** was commemorated as a part of the celebration of the **descent of the Holy Spirit** at Pentecost.



What are the symbols of Pentecost and why is it known as the birthday of the church?

The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include **flames**, **wind**, the **breath of God** and a **dove**. It is when the **Holy Spirit** appeared over the Apostles and Mary for the first time.