



# THE RESURRECTION STORY

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- Easter Sunday is the culmination of [Holy Week](#).
- Easter commemorates the resurrection of [Jesus Christ](#). It is the most important Christian festival, and the one celebrated with the greatest joy.
- The date of Easter changes each year, and several other Christian festivals fix their dates by reference to Easter. (Example: Pentecost)
- Churches are filled with flowers, and there are special hymns and songs. But not all Easter customs are Christian; some, such as the Easter Bunny, are pagan in origin.

# THE EASTER STORY IS AT THE HEART OF CHRISTIANITY

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- On [Good Friday](#), Jesus Christ was executed by [crucifixion](#). His body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave.
- The tomb was guarded, and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.
- On the following Sunday, some women visited the grave and found that the stone had been moved, and that the tomb was empty.
- Jesus himself was seen that day, and for days afterwards by many people. His followers realized that God had raised Jesus from the dead.

# HOLY WEEK IN WESTERN CHRISTIANITY

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Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday

Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday)

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Holy Saturday (Black Saturday)

Easter Vigil

Easter Day



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**Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)** commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Holy Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday. It thus marks the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent.

**Holy Monday** some observe the anointing of Jesus at Bethany (John 12:1-11), an event that in the Gospel of John occurred before the Palm Sunday event described in John 12:12-19. Other events which the Gospels tell of which may have occurred on this day include cursing the fig tree and the Cleansing of the Temple.

**Holy Tuesday** some observe Jesus' predictions of his own death, as described in John 12:20-36 and John 13:21-38.

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*Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday)* On the Wednesday before his death, Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the Leper. ... From this moment on, Judas sought an opportunity to betray Jesus.



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**Maundy Thursday** (also known as Holy Thursday) commemorates the Last Supper, where Christ lays out the model for the Eucharist or Holy Communion. During the meal, Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the Denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection.

**Good Friday** commemorates the day Jesus was crucified. In the Gospels, Jesus was arrested by royal guards in Jerusalem at the Garden of Gethsemane after he was betrayed by Judas. Jesus then underwent a drawn-out interrogation and was sentenced to death.

# HOLY WEEK IN WESTERN CHRISTIANITY

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[Holy Saturday \(Black Saturday\)](#) None of the Gospels records any of the activities of the disciples on the Sabbath after his burial and prior to his resurrection, except for Luke, who simply writes, "On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment" (Luke 23:56, ESV)

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