

Unit 3.4: Exploring the sadness and joy of Easter

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?

Christian Concepts:

Salvation (Jesus died in the place of people, so that anyone who believes and trusts in Him will be 'saved' or rescued from death and able to be in heaven with God for ever.)

Key Vocabulary:

Crucified: An ancient punishment; being put to death by being nailed to a cross.

Easter Sunday: The day on which Jesus' resurrection is celebrated.

Gethsemane: A garden in the Kidron Valley, on the Mount of Olives.

Good Friday: The day when Christians remember Jesus' death on the cross.

Last Supper: The last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Palm Sunday: The Sunday before Easter, remembering when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Resurrection: Rising from the dead; when Jesus came back to life from the dead.

Temple: A building dedicated to the worship of God.

Christian Values:

Faith
Hope
Love



JOY!



Sadness...

Key Bible Verses:

Matthew 27

Good Friday:

'³⁵ When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶ And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷ Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS.'

Matthew 28

Easter Sunday:

'⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."



Joy



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