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Why was Jesus
welcomed like a
King on Palm
Sunday?

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday marks the start of the Holy week. It reminds Christians of the journey Jesus made into Jerusalem on a donkey to celebrate the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus chose a donkey because this showed that he came in peace. Many people

welcomed Jesus by shouting, waving palm branches and throwing the branches down in the path of the donkey. They hoped that Jesus was the saviour who the bible had promised them.

Palm Sunday is both a happy and a sad day. Christians are happy because they are singing praises to Jesus but they are sad because they know Jesus died less than a week later.

In churches on Palm Sunday Christians are given small palm crosses made from palm leaves.



Pilgrimage

Jerusalem is an important place of pilgrimage for Christians, just as it is for Jews and Muslims. Christians believe that Jesus visited Jerusalem at Passover time and spent the week leading up to his death there. Christian pilgrims visit Jerusalem, therefore, to remember key events in Jesus' final week, known as Holy Week.



Key Vocabulary

Definition

<u>Palm Sunday</u>	The Sunday before Easter where Christians celebrate the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem.
<u>Easter</u>	The most important and oldest Christian festival.
<u>Jerusalem</u>	The holy city of the Jews.
<u>Jesus</u>	The son of God.
<u>King</u>	The male ruler of an independent state.
<u>Celebrity</u>	A famous person.
<u>Pilgrimage</u>	A journey to a sacred place.
<u>God</u>	The creator and ruler of the universe according to Christians.
<u>Christians</u>	A person who is a believer in Christianity.
<u>Bible</u>	An important book in Christianity, telling all the stories about God and Jesus.
<u>Resurrection</u>	The rising of Jesus Christ from the dead.
<u>Romans</u>	A person who lived in the Roman Empire.

Easter

Easter Sunday marks Jesus's resurrection. After Jesus was crucified on the Friday his body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance. On Sunday Mary Magdalene and some of Jesus's disciples visited the tomb. They found the stone had been moved and that Jesus's body had gone. Jesus was seen later that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Christians call this the resurrection.

