

# Year 5 Merlins



## Spring 2

### Did God intend for Jesus to be crucified, and if so, was Jesus aware of this?

#### What is Easter?

Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead, three days after he was executed. The Easter story is at the heart of Christianity.

#### Who do Christians believe Jesus was?

Christians believe that Jesus was the chosen one, the saviour, who through his death on the cross and resurrection, restored the relationship between God and humans and allowed people to be forgiven for their sins.

#### Why is "Good Friday" called that?

There are two possible explanations for this:

Firstly, Jesus voluntarily gave his life to save humankind and allowed people to ask for God's forgiveness. This is something good and worth celebrating.

Secondly, some historians suggest that Good Friday was originally called 'God's Friday', but over time the name got misrepresented and became 'Good Friday' instead.

#### What is destiny?

Fate or destiny is the idea that the future is already planned even if people do not know what their fate is (what is going to happen to them).

Humans in nearly all cultures have had ideas about their fate being "predetermined" (fixed in advance).

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<b>burial</b>	The ceremony at which a person's body is buried.
<b>civil rights</b>	The rights to political and social freedom and equality.
<b>crucifixion</b>	A way of executing someone by nailing them to a cross and leaving them to die.
<b>dedication</b>	Being committed to a task or purpose.
<b>denial</b>	To say that something is not true.
<b>destined</b>	Someone who is 'meant' to do something, according to destiny.
<b>destiny</b>	The hidden power believed to control future events.
<b>ethics</b>	Moral principles that say how a person should act or behave.
<b>humanitarian</b>	Seeking to promote human welfare.
<b>sacrifice</b>	To give up something that you want to keep – especially in order to get something else, or to help someone.
<b>supper</b>	An evening meal.

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	It is the first day of Holy Week and celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Crowds of people came out of the city to greet him, throwing down palm branches on the road.
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	On Maundy Thursday Christians remember when Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, break bread and drinking wine, which is now known as the Last Supper. The word 'maundy' comes from the command given by Jesus at the Last Supper, that we should love one another. He demonstrated this by washing the feet of the disciples – something a servant would normally do.
<b>Good Friday</b>	Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It commemorates the arrest, trial and execution by crucifixion of Jesus.
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection. After Jesus was crucified on the Friday, his body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave tomb. On the Sunday, Mary Magdalene visited the tomb and found that the stone had been moved, and Jesus' body had gone.



The crucifix represents the execution of Jesus. It is a symbol of Jesus' suffering and self-sacrifice.



The cross represents the resurrection. It is a symbol of hope and new beginnings.