

Holy Week Religious Festival Story



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Holy Week



Holy week traditionally begins on Palm Sunday and traces the events of the Last Week of Jesus' life, until his Crucifixion and Resurrection on EASTER Sunday.



Palm Sunday



Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, this symbolised that he came in peace. The crowds pulled down branches of Palm and scattered them on the road and shouted 'Hosanna' meaning 'Save Now'.





Jesus was fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah who had stated that their King would enter the Holy City riding on a donkey.



Palm Crosses are given out at Church services on Palm Sunday today to remind us of the event.



Holy Monday



Jesus returned to Jerusalem and cleansed the Temple. Jesus was very cross that the people were holding a market in the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple was a special place to worship God, and Jesus wanted it to be used for that purpose.



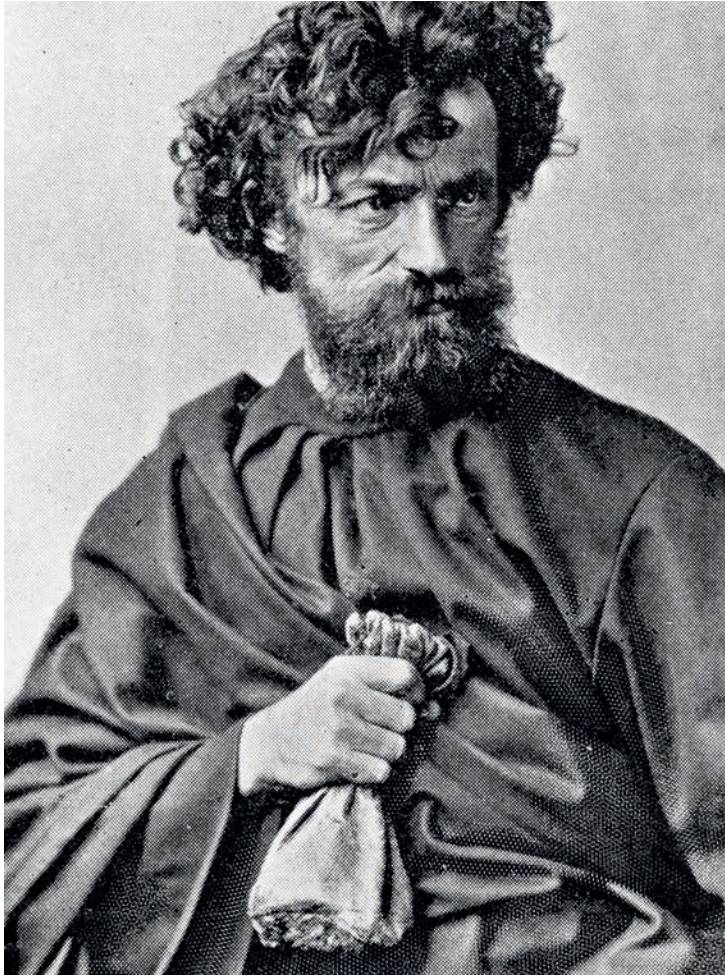
Holy Tuesday



Jesus was questioned by the Jewish Authorities. Jesus was questioned by the Pharisees and many other religious groups and they tried to trick him.



Holy Wednesday



Judas went to the authorities to prepare to hand over Jesus to them. He was offered 30 pieces of silver and he told them where Jesus will be, so that they can arrest him. Later he went back and tried to give the money back because he was sorry for what he had done.



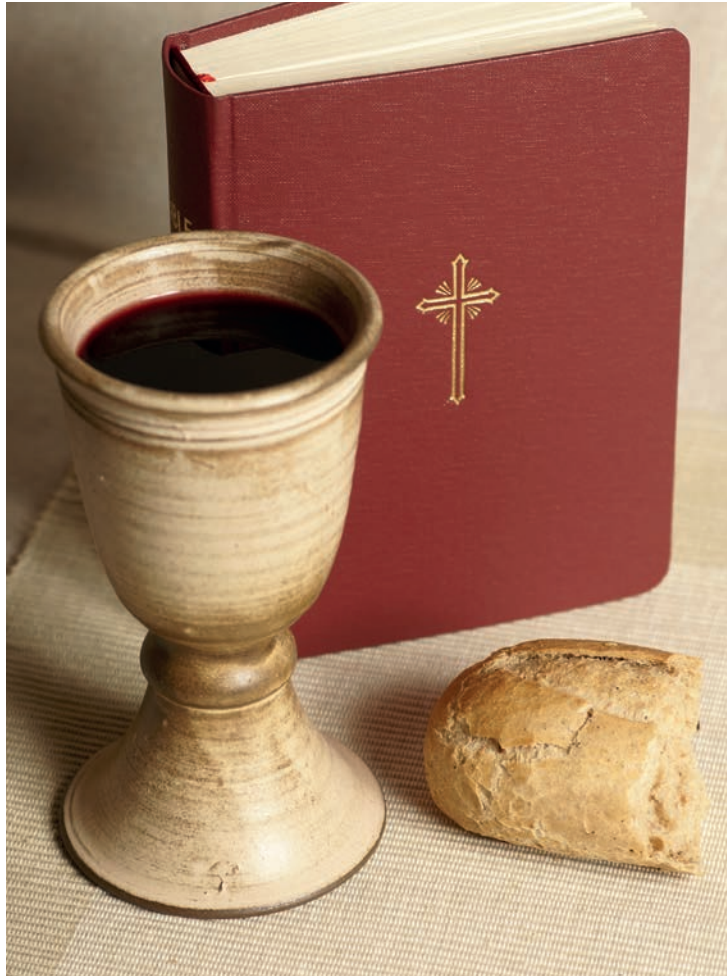
Maundy Thursday



On the first Maundy Thursday, Jesus ate a meal with his disciples. This was the Jewish festival meal called Passover.



Jesus did several unique tasks during this meal:



- Washed the disciples feet.
- Took bread and broke it. He gave his disciples a piece each saying it was his body.
- Took wine and shared it with his disciples telling them that the wine was his blood.
- Every time they met together they should share bread and wine to remember Jesus.
- Gave the disciples a new Commandment (Latin word for commandment is MANDATUM hence Maundy).





After the meal they all went to the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus asks them to stay awake while he goes to pray. Judas comes and betrays Jesus with a kiss.



Good Friday



Jesus is taken and tried before the Jewish authorities. Later the crowd shout 'Crucify him' and he is taken to Golgotha to be hung on a cross. This was called **Crucifixion**.



Easter Sunday



After he died they laid his body in a tomb. A stone sealed the tomb. However on the Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb and found it empty, and an angel told her that Jesus had risen. Later Jesus appeared to Mary.





Questions

Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-

Look at the pictures for Palm Sunday and talk to the children about what makes them cheer.

How do we celebrate special people like the King coming to a special place?

Look at Jesus in the Temple on Holy Monday. What made him cross? What makes you cross?

On Holy Tuesday, Jesus was asked questions in order to trick him. What sort of questions do you like to ask?

On Holy Wednesday Judas planned to betray Jesus. How do you feel when your friends let you down?

