

## Year 5 Easter – History and Context Knowledge Organiser

### WHAT? – Key Knowledge

Area of focus: **Believing**

Key question: How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?

#### Investigation through Holy Week:

- Christians believe that Jesus is the son of God, who came to Earth in order to save humans from their sins.
- His death and resurrection opened up the way back to God and restored humanity's relationship with him. This is the Christian concept of salvation.
- Children will investigate whether Jesus knew about His fate or could have foreseen it.
- From a human perspective, Jesus could have foreseen his likely fate. He faced constant opposition from the Pharisees and scribes, who said he was a blasphemer or a false prophet and a Sabbath breaker.
- Children to think about why Jesus did not use the crowds from Palm Sunday to stop his crucifixion.
- Christians believe Jesus knew he had come into the world to die to bring about the salvation of humans.
- The Bible states that he foretold some events and warned his disciples "He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him"
- Jesus told Pilate that He knew his destiny was to die for everyone's sins.

#### Knowledge of the events of Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday:** Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. On this day, Jesus arrived in Jerusalem, crowds gathered, waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!". The people were very pleased to see him.
- **Jesus at the Temple:** Jesus entered the Temple. He was very upset that people were not treating the Temple with the respect that they should.
- **Wednesday:** Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples, planned to betray Jesus to the chief priests and teachers of the law.

#### Holy Week (continued)

- **Thursday:** Jesus was going to celebrate the Passover with his twelve disciples. This meal will be known as The Last Supper.
- Jesus said to Peter that he knew Peter was going to betray him by denying knowing Jesus. Peter was very upset and said he would never do this.
- **The Garden of Gethsemane:** Jesus went to pray on the Mount of Olives. He asked the disciples to keep watch for him, but they fell asleep.
- **Friday morning:** A crowd of people arrived. Judas stepped forward and told the crowd who Jesus was.
- **Good Friday:** Jesus was taken to the Roman Soldiers stepped forward and grabbed Jesus. Jesus was taken away, where the soldiers laughed at him, beat him, stripped him of his clothes and instead, put a scarlet cloak around him. They put a crown of thorns on his head and mocked him. Jesus was later crucified on the hill between two other prisoners.
- The chief priests laughed at Jesus and said he should prove himself King of the Jews by coming down from the cross. Later that day, the sky turned black and Jesus cried out to God. Soon after, Jesus died.
- Jesus' body was placed in a tomb and a large stone was rolled across the entrance. Jesus' friends and disciples were very sad.
- **Easter Sunday:** In the morning, Mary Magdalene and another lady also called Mary went to the tomb. When they arrived, they saw that the stone had been rolled away and an angel was there. The women were overjoyed and ran to tell the disciples what had happened.



Jesus in Gethsemane



Jesus' crucifixion



An empty tomb

#### Possible experiences:

- Exploring the idea of purpose in life.
- Discussion of Jesus' purpose and destiny.
- Have a visit from a member of the Christian community.
- Visit a local church in the lead up to Easter and learn more about Holy Week.

#### Learning outcomes

I can give an example of someone with a strong sense of purpose for their life and give my opinions on this.

I can start to explain whether God intended Jesus to be crucified or whether Jesus' crucifixion was the consequence of events during Holy Week.

I can start to express my opinion about Jesus' crucifixion being his destiny/ purpose.

#### WHAT? – Key vocabulary

**Last Supper** – according to the New Testament, the last meal of Jesus Christ and his disciples on the evening before the Crucifixion.

**Holy Week** – the week immediately before Easter Sunday.

**Passover** – a Jewish holiday that celebrates the escape of the ancient Hebrews from Egypt.

**Crucifixion** – a method of execution in which the person is tied or nailed to a cross.

**Resurrection** – a return to life after death.

**Salvation** – the act of being saved from sin or evil.

**Redemption** – being rescued from sin.

**Sacrifice** – the act of giving up something of great value to show loyalty or deep affection, the gift of something to a god is an act of worship.



Palm Sunday is celebrated today by Christians with palm crosses like these.



Judas betraying Jesus and accepting 30 pieces of silver