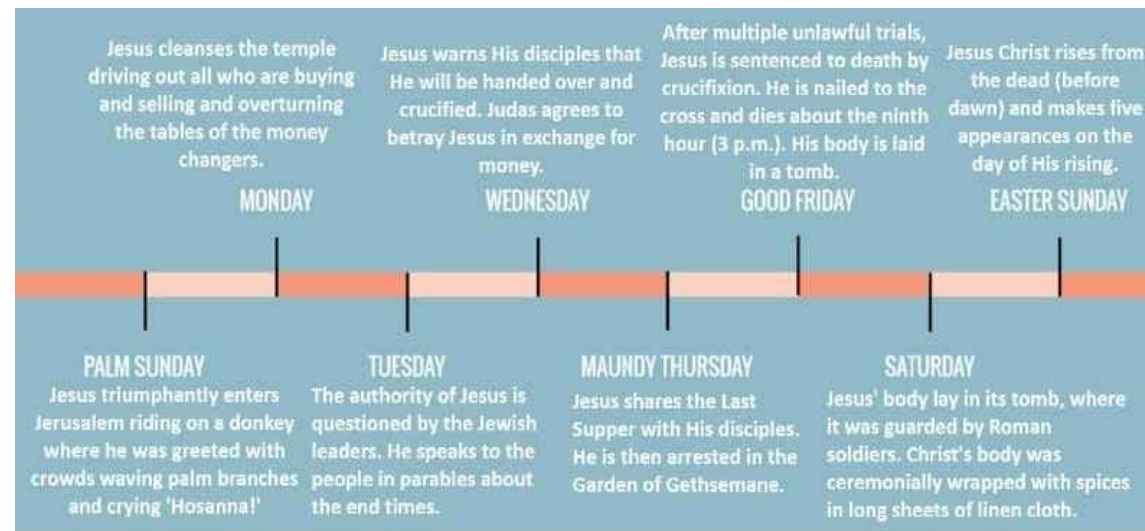


5.4 What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?

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Key Questions to ask yourself

Key Vocabulary	
Word	Definition
Sacrifice	The act of giving something precious to another person or of God
Atonement	A person atones when they show they are sorry for doing something wrong
Salvation	The healing of a broken relationship between people and God
Resurrection	The Christian belief that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after the Crucifixion
Forgiveness	To pardon someone for something they have done wrong
Redemption	Atonement for our sins; the idea of being saved from sin or evil
Secular	Something that has no connection with religion
Gospel	Biblical books which describe the life and teachings of Jesus / Also: the truth, fact or certainty



- How do special celebrations help Christians to express their faith and belief?
- Why are there differences in the gospel accounts about the same event?
- Is Easter a festival of new life or sacrifice?

The Easter Festival

Easter is the most important and significant event in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the death and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus' resurrection is central to three of the most important ideologies of Christian belief:

- Sacrifice* – Jesus sacrificed his life for us
- Salvation* – Jesus rose from the dead to save us
- Redemption* – Jesus atoned for our sins and redeemed us

Holy Week

Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday are deeply meaningful days for Christians, each helping them to express their faith and belief in different ways:

Good Friday: On this day, Christians remember Jesus' crucifixion and death. Many attend services where they reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and the depth of God's love, as Jesus gave His life for the forgiveness of sins. This can lead Christians to feel grateful and inspired to live with love and kindness, just as Jesus did.

Holy Saturday: This day represents a quiet time of waiting and mourning, as Jesus' followers did when He was in the tomb. Many Christians spend Holy Saturday in reflection or prayer, remembering that sometimes faith involves patience and trusting God even when things seem dark or uncertain.

Easter Sunday: This is a day of celebration, as Christians believe Jesus rose from the dead, showing that life is stronger than death and that love overcomes hate. By celebrating Jesus' resurrection, Christians express their hope in eternal life and in God's power to bring new beginnings. Easter Sunday often brings joy, singing, and community gatherings that let Christians rejoice and share their faith with others.

