

# Knowledge Organiser – Salvation

## Assessment Question: What happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday?



**The last supper**  
Jesus eats with his disciples



**Easter Sunday**  
Jesus resurrects from the dead.

### Key Vocabulary:

Salvation	Palm Sunday	Good Friday
Lent	Vigil	Holy Saturday
Holy week	Eucharist	Paschal candle
Ash Wednesday	Maundy Thursday	



Articles for Palm Sunday



**Good Friday**  
The crucifixion of Jesus



Easter vigil service

### The meaning of salvation:

Jesus' death and resurrection affect the rescue or salvation of humans. He opens the way back to God. Through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered, and the relationship between God and humans is restored. (*Understanding Christianity*.)

### Palm Sunday:

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday. On this day the focus is on the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Jesus sends two of his disciples ahead to the village of Bethphage to look for an unbroken colt. They brought the colt to Jesus and placed their cloaks on his back. As Jesus sat on the young donkey, he slowly made his humble entrance into Jerusalem. People welcomed Jesus in the traditional way of honouring a worthy person, by throwing down their cloaks and waving palm branches.

### Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper

Whilst Maundy Thursday was the night on which the Lord's Supper was first celebrated, there is a deeper meaning. The actual Latin word from which "maundy" is derived means "command." The central theme of that first Lord's Supper was one of humble service. Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and commanded that the disciples do the same for each other. Jesus taught that he came not to be served but to serve, to share the hospitality of God and the intimacy of breaking bread together.

### Good Friday:

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Day. Good Friday was the day when Jesus stood trial before the Priests and later a Roman Governor called Pilate. Although Pilate could not find any wrong in Jesus, he was still sentenced to death by crucifixion. Later that day after having been beaten and mocked, Jesus was crucified. He died in the afternoon. His body was taken from the cross and put into a guarded tomb.

