

## Year 5 & 6 - What do people believe about the crucifixion?

### Prior Knowledge

Preceding

- Easter is an important time for Christians
- Jesus was crucified on a cross to enable people to be forgiven for their sins.
- Christians celebrate by attending church services, making Easter cards and cakes, and sharing Easter eggs which represent new life.
- Good Friday is seen as a very important day in the Christian calendar because Christians believe that Jesus sacrificed himself for others.
- Christians believe prayers are a way of communicating with God. It is a way of offering thanks and asking for forgiveness.
- A crown of thorns was put on Jesus' head. He had to carry his own large wooden cross up a hill. At the top of the hill, Jesus was nailed to the cross, with nails through his hands and feet.

### Key Knowledge

Christians believe:

- Jesus' life was part of God's plan and that he was aware of it too.
- The cross is an important symbol as it reminds them of the sacrifice that Jesus made for all humans.
- Jesus' death was part of God's plan to save humanity.
- The death and resurrection are at the core of Christian faith and they believe that through Jesus' death, relationships with God are saved. This is called atonement.
- Atonement was needed as everyone carries sin and this separates them from God.
- Because Jesus died on the cross people can be forgiven for their sins.
- Believe that God has life planned out for everyone.

### Key vocabulary

<b>Easter</b>	A Christian celebration that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. The week leading up to Easter is called Holy Week.
<b>Holy Week</b>	Starts on Palm Sunday (Which is the day Jesus entered Jerusalem).
<b>Passover</b>	A Jewish festival that celebrates their freedom from Egyptian Slavery. Jesus arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover before he was crucified.
<b>Disciple</b>	One of Jesus' closest followers.
<b>Crucifixion</b>	A way people were put to death for their crimes, by being nailed to a cross.
<b>Resurrection</b>	Returning from the dead.
<b>Ascension</b>	This is when Jesus rose to heaven after his resurrection.
<b>Free will</b>	Where someone has a choice over their actions.
<b>Determinism</b>	Where choice is dictated, or choice is controlled.
<b>Morality</b>	The difference between right and wrong and being able to do the right thing. Morals are thought of as simple rules for living and helping us make the right decision.
<b>Destiny</b>	The belief that your whole life is already planned out for you and that you have no control over the eventual outcomes of your life.
<b>Atonement</b>	The Christian belief that through Jesus' death, God has forgiven humankind's sins.

What do you believe?

Do you think God has our lives planned?

Do we have free will?

How does this affect our morals and the way we live life?

