

Christianity: What does the Bible say happened after Easter?

Christian Holy Week

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to a cheering crowd and a path of palm leaves. The Bible suggests that many of this crowd would then shout for him to be executed.

Ash Wednesday is a reminder that humans are mortal (can die).

Maundy Thursday is the day of the 'Last Supper' where Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Judas betrayed him on this night.

Good Friday is the day Jesus was crucified on the cross. It is a day of mourning in the church.

Holy Saturday is celebrated by Christian's waiting for Jesus' resurrection.

Easter Sunday is when Christians celebrate Jesus' rebirth and resurrection.



What is the significance of Pentecost and how did it help grow the church?

Celebrated 50 days after Easter, it is known as the start of the church's mission in the world.

It is a happy festival where hymns are sung and red robes are worn.

The Bible states that as the Holy Spirit came to earth, Jesus' disciples could miraculously speak in different languages.

Artefacts and symbols

Paschal candle	Pure white wax candle which symbolises Jesus being with his people for eternity.
Flames, wind, breath and a dove	Symbolise the Holy Spirit coming to Earth.
Red robes	Worn during Pentecost to symbolise the flames when the Holy Spirit entered the Earth.

Why is Lent important to Christians?

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, it is a time where Christians remember Jesus' death and resurrection.

Christians fast, give to others and pray for 40 days (not including Sundays).

They remember the Biblical story of Jesus' temptation, where he was sent to the desert (after being baptised) to be tested by the devil.

It is a time for self-discipline and this is something Christians aspire to also.

Growth of the church

Christian's believe the church's popularity was due to a range of factors.

1. The power of the Holy Spirit
2. Believers telling other people
3. The geographical spread of believers (missionaries)
4. The collection and sharing of Christian writings

Key Vocabulary

ascension	Christians' believe this is when Jesus rose into Heaven.
prophecy	Spreading God's message.
pentecost	The festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church.
missionary	A person sent on a religious mission to promote Christianity.
eternal	Lasting forever; without end.
Holy Spirit	The third part of the 'Holy Trinity': the Father (God), Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.

