



1 Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Easter Sunday commemorates the (1) _____ of Jesus Christ. It is the most important Christian celebration. The date of Easter Sunday (2) _____ every year, and that changes the date of all the important holy days that come before Easter. It falls between late March and late May. Easter is so (3) _____ because Christians believe that Jesus (4) _____ from the dead, two days after he died on the cross. Jesus' dead body was (5) _____ in a cave on Good Friday and two days later the stone that (6) _____ the cave's entrance had been moved and Jesus' body had gone. Various people saw Jesus in the following days and his (7) _____ understood God had raised him from the dead. Historians say this (8) _____ some time between 26 and 36 AD.

followers buried important happened resurrection rose changes covered

People (9) _____ Easter in many ways around the world. It is a very busy time for churches. Many Christians (10) _____ a special Paschal candle on the evening before Easter. This represents the (11) _____ of Christ. There are special songs and hymns which people sing in church. Children like Easter because their parents and grandparents give them chocolate Easter eggs, a (12) _____ of new birth. Schoolchildren usually (13) _____ eggs and display them in their school or give them as (14) _____. Other things associated with Easter are the Easter Bunny and (15) _____ flowers like irises. At the Vatican, the Pope blesses thousands of visitors who (16) _____ in St. Peter's Square. This is known as "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World").

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2. Match the left with the right side.

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| 2. all the important | 26 and 36 AD |
| 3. Christians believe that Jesus rose | on the cross |
| 4. two days after he died | the resurrection of Jesus |
| 5. God had raised | holy days |
| 6. some time between | him from the dead |