



### 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").

*spring light decorate sign celebrate congregate rising gifts*

### 2. Match the left with the right side.

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| 1. Easter Sunday commemorates         | from the dead             |
| 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         |