

# Easter

Fill the gaps with suitable words.

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| celebrate       | Christian     | chocolate     | decorating |
| Holy Week       | Ash Wednesday | symbol        | Lent       |
| Jerusalem       | Easter basket | eggs          | church     |
| Jesus Christ    | Good Friday   | cross         | life       |
| Easter Egg Hunt | day           | Holy Thursday | food       |
| death           | reunions      | resurrection  | ashes      |

Easter is a holiday that celebrates the resurrection of from the dead. The Friday before Easter is called . It is the day that Jesus was crucified on the at Calvary. Easter day moves around on the calendar each year, but is always on a Sunday.

In many churches Easter follows a season of prayer and fasting called . This is observed in memory of the 40 days Jesus is said to have fasted, or gone without , in the desert. Lent begins with . This day gets its name from the practice of putting on the foreheads of the faithful as a of the season.

The week before Easter Sunday is known as . During this week, Christians remember the events they believe took place at the time of Jesus' . Palm Sunday recalls the entrance of Jesus into shortly before his death. marks the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples, or followers. Good Friday remembers the crucifixion, when Jesus was killed by being nailed to a cross. Christians believe that Jesus was resurrected on the third after his death. Easter is therefore a celebration of new .

Many people go to on Sunday to celebrate the of Jesus Christ. A lot of people travel to visit with family and relatives over the Easter weekend as well. After church there are often family and large meals to the occasion. In addition to the religious celebrations and significance of the holiday, there are some secular traditions. These include the . Tradition says that the Easter bunny hides eggs for children to find each year. In the United States these are often candy or . Kids search for the candy, usually outdoors, and put the candy and eggs they find into their . Other traditions include the Easter Egg Roll at the White House, Easter baskets with chocolate Easter bunnies, hard boiled eggs, and Easter lily flowers. There is also a large Easter parade that takes place in New York City each year.