



Knowledge Organiser: SPRING 2

Year 3 RE: The Cross as a Christian symbol (Symbol)

Vocabulary	Meaning
Palm Sunday	the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey
Good Friday	the day when Jesus was nailed to the cross
Easter Sunday	the day when Jesus was resurrected
resurrection	the rising of Jesus from the dead
sacrificed	Jesus giving himself up to be crucified to save humankind
crucifixion	nailing someone to a cross to die
cross	the Christian symbol that remembers how Jesus died
Why did Jesus die?	Jesus' death was part of God's plan to show people they can be forgiven and start afresh. Christian believe God made a beautiful world, but when people started forgetting how to be good to each other and how to look after the planet. He sent Jesus to make things better, to save the day, to redeem the situation.

Key knowledge – the 3 Crosses

Easter brings **three special crosses**. The **Palm Cross** from **Palm Sunday** reminds us of Jesus' joyful entry to cheers and palm branches. On **Good Friday**, the **Friday Cross** speaks of Jesus' sacrifice and love, as he died for us on a cross, a symbol of sadness. But **Easter Sunday** brings the **Sunday Cross**, representing Jesus' victory over death. He rose from the dead, showing that love is stronger than anything. This cross brings joy and new beginnings, reminding us that even in tough times, there's always hope. The three crosses of **Easter** tell a story of **love, sacrifice, and triumph**.



Assessment focus – Contextualise

Begin to accurately describe some variations in ways in which the concept/word is shown in lives of people encountered and studied

How do Christians remember these 3 events of Holy week?

