

EASTER

THE CROSS AND GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER ASSEMBLY



THE RIDDLE OF PALM SUNDAY

- Why did Jesus have enemies?



THE LAST SUPPER



- Why did Jesus have enemies?
- Why was he arrested?

THE CROSS AND GOOD FRIDAY

- What do you associate with 'The Cross and Good Friday'?

THE CROSS AND GOOD FRIDAY

- This is the most solemn of all the days in the Christian calendar – the day of Jesus' crucifixion.
- Christians will attend special services at their local church, where they will think about Jesus' suffering and death, and often venerate a cross.
- Some churches see congregations undertaking a procession through the local area with a replica of the cross

THE CROSS AND GOOD FRIDAY

- Sometimes there are services based on the last sentences uttered by Jesus. The Lord's Seven Words, are the last sentences uttered by Christ on the cross:
 - THE FIRST WORD. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." St Luke 23:34
 - THE SECOND WORD. "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." St Luke 23:43
 - THE THIRD WORD. "Jesus said to his mother: 'Woman, this is your son.' Then he said to the disciple: 'This is your mother.' St John 19:26-27.
 - THE FOURTH WORD. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" St Matthew 27:46 and St Mark 15:34
 - THE FIFTH WORD. "I thirst." St John 19:28.
 - THE SIXTH WORD. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished;" and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. St John 19:30
 - THE SEVENTH WORD. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." St Luke 23:46
- Other services may focus attention on the 14 stations of the cross. Places and situations Jesus visited or experienced on his journey to the cross.



BETRAYAL AND THE CROSS



- What were the events?
- What is the significance of the symbol of the cross?

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- What is friendship?
- What does it mean to be friends?
- Who were Jesus's friends?
- Did they all behave in a way that friends usually behave?

PETER'S DENIAL AND JUDAS' BETRAYAL

- Make a cockerel to remind of Peter's denial.
- Make bags of gold to remind of Judas's betrayal.

TO LET SOMEONE DOWN



- Imagine you are someone who let Jesus down – either Judas or Peter.
- Develop a piece of drama where you explain your actions or feelings.