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- In time most Catholic (and many Anglican) churches came to have 14 "stations" of the cross around or within their church building where people could walk the route, and pause to stop, pray and think at each.
- These are often central to services on Good Friday and Holy week

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What happened on Jesus' journey to the cross?

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JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE



JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS

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- In groups (of 2 or 3), create one representation of each station.
- You can do it however you want.

WHAT DOES GOOD FRIDAY MEAN TO CHRISTIANS?



- Why is Jesus' death so significant to Christians?
- What are the key points for his faith?
- What do you think of his explanation that something so bad for Jesus can be seen as anything 'good' by Christians?