

Knowledge Organiser – Salvation

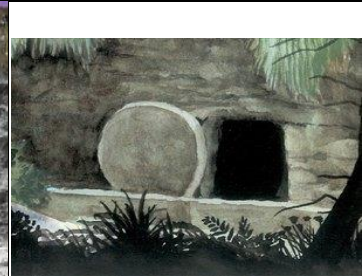
Assessment Question: What happens in churches during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday?

Key Vocabulary:

- **Lent:** Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. It lasts for 40 days.
- **Procession:** A crowd moving forward in an orderly way often with an agreed purpose and focus.
- **Hosanna:** Hebrew word that means to 'save/rescue.'
- **Vigil:** A period of time of keeping awake when usually you would be asleep, especially to keep watch and pray.
- **Eucharist:** Central liturgical service observed by most Churches. It recalls the last meal of Jesus, and celebrates his sacrificial and saving death.

The meaning of salvation:

Jesus' death and resurrection effect the rescue or salvation of humans. He opens the way back to God. Through Jesus, sin is dealt with, forgiveness offered, and the relationship between God and humans is restored.



Ash Wednesday ----- 39 days -- **Palm Sunday** -----4 days-----**Maundy Thursday** ---1 day---- **Good Friday** --1 day--**Holy Saturday** ---1 day--- **Easter Sunday**

In some Churches, people receive the sign of the cross in ashes on their foreheads.

In some churches Palm crosses are distributed to the congregation and they will process carrying and waving palm branches.

In many churches, the priest will wash the feet of twelve people to commemorate Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples.

In some countries, there are special Good Friday processions, or re-enactments of the Crucifixion.

In some churches the Easter vigil service takes place. The service begins at night outside the church. Worshippers gather around a fire from which the Easter paschal candle is lit.

Churches will often be filled with flowers and colour. Special hymns and songs will be sung.