

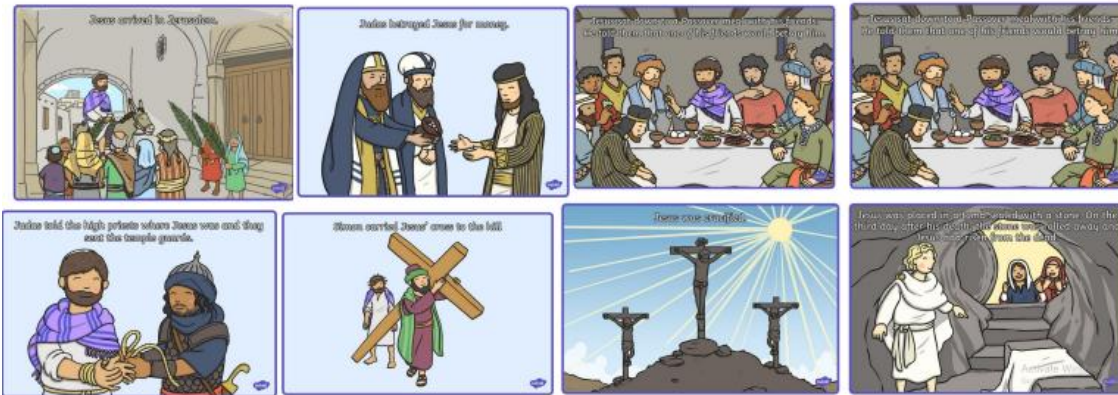


# Class 1 – Religious Education – Why does Easter matter to Christians?



**Identity and Community:** People feel belonging to communities, their identity can be expressed through traditions, rituals and symbols.

## The Easter Story



### Painting and decorating eggs

Eggs are given at Easter because they represent new life and because they are the same shape as the rock which was rolled across Jesus's tomb.

## How do Christians celebrate Easter?

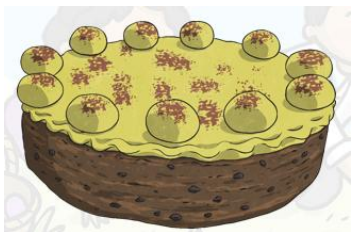


### Hot Cross Buns

The cross reminds Christians that Jesus died on the cross.

### Simnel Cake

This is a special fruit cake eaten at Easter. The cake has a layer of marzipan on top and is decorated with marzipan balls. There are 11 balls to symbolise Jesus's disciples, Judas (the 12<sup>th</sup> disciple) is left out because he betrayed Jesus.



### Signs of Spring...

### Vocabulary

**Easter** – Christian celebration of when Jesus died and came back to life.

**resurrection** – when Jesus came back to life.

**crucified** – put to death on a cross.