

Key Vocabulary	
* Easter	The oldest and most important Christian festival.
* Christians	People who follow the religion of Christianity.
* Jesus	The son of God.
* resurrection	When Jesus came back to life.
* tomb	A place cut into rock or underground, where the dead are buried.
eternal	Lasting forever.
heaven	Christians believe this is where God lives and where good people go after death.
bible	The Christian holy book.
hymns	Religious songs.



# Key Question...

## Why do Christians put a cross in their Easter Gardens?



### Good Friday

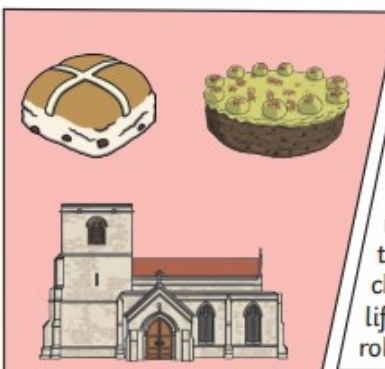
On Good Friday, **Christians** remember the day that **Jesus** was **crucified**. Leaders in Jerusalem were jealous that people listened to **Jesus** and so they had him **crucified**. **Christians** believe it is 'good', because **Jesus** showed great love and died for the **sins** of others. When he died, his body was put in a stone **tomb**.

On **Easter** Sunday, **Christians** celebrate **Jesus'** **resurrection**. The **resurrection** of **Jesus** gives **Christians** the promise of **eternal** life in **heaven**.



### A Surprise

Some of **Jesus'** friends went to visit his **tomb** on the Sunday after he died. They were surprised to find it empty. After his **resurrection** **Jesus** visited his **disciples** before going up to **heaven** to live with God.



Many **Christians** go to church at **Easter**. Parts of the **Bible** are read and special **hymns** are sung. Hot cross buns are eaten. The cross reminds people that **Jesus** died on the cross. Many **Christians** send **Easter** cards. Simnel cake is eaten. It is a fruit cake with eleven marzipan balls on the top. These represent all of the **disciples** except Judas. Eggs are painted and chocolate eggs are given. The eggs **symbolise** new life and are the same shape as the rock that was rolled in front of **Jesus'** **tomb**.

### Easter Traditions

