

Easter – Skimming and Scanning Task

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Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. It is the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey. Lots of people were there to celebrate and greet him. They threw palm branches down as he passed through while others threw down their cloaks. This was to welcome him. 'Hosanna to the son of David!' shouted those that followed him. Jesus healed the blind and lame, but some priests did not like this because they were jealous. Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus's followers, was also envious and decided to help the priests set Jesus up to be arrested.

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In order to arrest him, the Jewish leaders accused Jesus of stealing thirty silver coins. They found it hard to prove that Jesus had stolen the money so they made up lies about him. On Good Friday, Jesus was crucified. His body was taken from the cross and buried in a tomb. This was guarded by Roman Soldiers and a huge stone was put over the entrance.

A lady called Mary Magdalene visited the tomb three days later. She saw the stone had been removed and the body of Jesus Christ had gone. This day is now known as Easter Sunday. Later that day, Jesus was seen by Mary and his disciples. For forty days, people saw that Jesus was alive! Followers of Jesus believed he was risen from the dead. This is called the Resurrection. They believed he visited them and told them that after he was gone, they would have the power of the Holy Spirit. Two angels then appeared and took Jesus to heaven.

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5. Circle the days of the week in red. How many are there? ___
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Circle the correct answer to complete each sentence. Use skimming and scanning techniques to find the evidence in the text.

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the Resurrection.	Holy Week.	a pilgrimage.	Palm Sunday.
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Christians.	Muslims.	Sikhs.	Jews.
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