

Complete the text about Easter with the words from the box. There are TWO words you will not need.

On Easter Sunday Christians around the world (1) _____ the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Jewish, religious teacher and son of God was (2) _____ by the Romans about 2000 years ago. Three days after he had died, he returned to life again and (3) _____ to heaven.

Many Christians think that, like Jesus, they will also rise to heaven after (4) _____. That's why Easter is celebrated with (5) _____ music and symbols of new life, like flowers and new clothes.

The name Easter may come from "*Eostre*", an Anglo-Saxon (6) _____. Every year a spring festival was celebrated in her (7) _____. In most Christian churches Easter is celebrated sometime between March 22 and April 25. It falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon in spring.

Easter (8) _____ the end of a time of prayer and (9) _____ that we call Lent. It is believed that during this time Jesus Christ went through the (10) _____ for forty days without food.

The last week before Easter is called Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday, the day on which Jesus (11) _____ Jerusalem. His followers threw palm (12) _____ on the streets. On Holy Thursday, Jesus had his Last Supper with his disciples or (13) _____. The next day, Good Friday, Jesus was nailed to the (14) _____. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon church services around the world recall the last hours of his (15) _____.

On Easter morning (16) _____ is celebrated. On the evening before, many people take part in processions with candles in the hands. On Easter Day the fasting period is over, and people get together with their families and friends and have big meals.

celebrate

church

cross

death

desert

entered

executed

fasting

followers

goddess

honour

joyful

leaves

marks

nailed

resurrection

rose

suffering

KEY

On Easter Sunday Christians around the world **(1) celebrate** the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Jewish, religious teacher and son of God was **(2) executed** by the Romans about 2000 years ago. Three days after he had died, he returned to life again and **(3) rose** to heaven.

Many Christians think that, like Jesus, they will also rise to heaven after **(4) death**. That's why Easter is celebrated with **(5) joyful** music and symbols of new life, like flowers and new clothes.

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Easter **(8) marks** the end of a time of prayer and **(9) fasting** that we call Lent. It is believed that during this time Jesus Christ went through the **(10) desert** for forty days without food.

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