

The Happy Ending in the Easter Story

Last week we learnt about Palm Sunday when crowds of people were so happy to see Jesus. Do you remember how they took palm leaves from the trees to wave excitedly as Jesus rode in to their city? Jerusalem was buzzing with excitement as everybody rushed to catch a glimpse of this special man they had heard so much about.

This week we are going to learn the rest of the Easter story. There is a very sad part first on Good Friday but then such a joyful, happy ending on Easter Sunday.

“The people of Jerusalem had been so pleased to see Jesus, but then someone started to grumble about him, saying they couldn’t see why he was so special. One by one, people began to join in with the grumbling and moaning, and soon a big crowd of people had turned against Jesus and decided they didn’t like him at all anymore! More and more people joined in saying they didn’t like him too, and eventually these people wanted to have him killed. How unfair and mean this was! Jesus had done nothing wrong!

The important men in charge of the city of Jerusalem were quite worried that the people were getting more and more angry and this could lead to big trouble. They agreed

to have Jesus put to death by being killed on the cross, even though they knew he had not done anything wrong.

Crucifixion was carried out in these times and is not a very nice way to die. Jesus was put on a cross and died on **Good Friday**. After he had died, everybody realised they had made a very big mistake and they felt very sad.

BUT, the final part of the Easter story brings hope to everyone because on **Easter Sunday** Jesus came to life again! Now everybody realised he had been a very special man! **It was a happy ending!**

Can you think of times with your family where you have had a happy ending?

- Did you lose something and then find it again?
- Did you not want to go somewhere but then found you had a lovely time and were so glad you went?
- Were you worried about something but then it all turned out alright?
- Did you have a long journey but then you had a lovely time when you got there?
- Has some one in your family been ill but now they are better?

Draw or write 4 happy endings in these eggs.

