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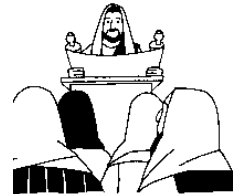
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Monday: Jesus chased the money-changers out of the [Temple](#).

Tuesday and Wednesday:
Jesus preached and
taught in Jerusalem.



Thursday: After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus celebrated the Feast of the Passover, instituting the Sacrament of [Holy Communion](#). (The Last supper)

After the supper, Jesus and his disciples went to Gethsemane to [pray](#), where he was arrested by the Temple guard and taken to an illegal night session of the Jewish court, the [Sanhedrin](#).



Good Friday: Jesus was taken into Roman courts, before Pontius Pilate and [Herod Antipas](#), who sent him back to the Jewish court. Roman soldiers took him to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where he was crucified.

Saturday: Jesus rested in the tomb while his [disciples](#) observed the Sabbath.

Sunday: Jesus rose from the dead.

Paschal Mystery

- The Catholic Church teaches that human beings are saved from sin by the whole work of Jesus Christ on earth. Catholics are especially saved through the Paschal Mystery: that is Jesus' Passion (his suffering), death, resurrection and ascension.
- Catholics believe that salvation has been God's plan to bring people back to a relationship with him, after they have turned away to sin. This 'original sin' is recorded in the story of Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis which created the need for salvation. Every human born since then has been caring this original sin with them.

Tasks

Medium: Explain in your own words what Holy Week is and what the Paschal Mystery is. In at least forty words.

Hard: Choose three events outlined on this sheet and explain how they are proof that Jesus is God incarnate.

Stretch: Explore in detail why the events above is so important in Christianity.

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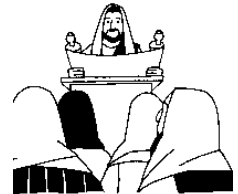
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