

GOOD FRIDAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the death of Jesus, who was crucified on a cross. Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. Churches all over the world hold special services. Christians think about the meaning of Jesus' suffering and his death on the cross. In many countries, religious groups re-enact the final hours of Jesus' life, leading up to his death. Part of this is the reciting of Jesus' final words. No one agrees which saying was his last. They include "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and "Into your hands I commit my spirit."

Good Friday is a public holiday in many countries with a strong Christian tradition. Many shops and businesses close for the day. In America and India, the stock markets close on Good Friday. In many English-speaking countries, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns with a cross on the top. They are usually toasted and buttered. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to fast on this day. In reality, most practicing Catholics will avoid meat. There is a very unusual custom in Bermuda. People fly kites that are shaped like a cross. The kites flying in the sky symbolize Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay at home and watch TV. There are many religious shows on, and movies about the Bible.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. one of the most | a. hours of Jesus' life |
| 2. It commemorates the | b. saying was his last |
| 3. religious groups re-enact the final | c. important celebrations |
| 4. the reciting of | d. death of Jesus |
| 5. No one agrees which | e. they do |
| 6. they know not what | f. Jesus' final words |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. countries with a strong | a. close on Good Friday |
| 2. the stock markets | b. custom in Bermuda |
| 3. They are usually toasted | c. like a cross |
| 4. There is a very unusual | d. Christian tradition |
| 5. People fly kites that are shaped | e. up to heaven |
| 6. symbolize Jesus going | f. and buttered |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It _____ important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the death of Jesus, who _____ cross. Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. Churches all over the world hold special services. Christians think about the meaning of Jesus' _____ death on the cross. In many countries, religious groups re-enact the final hours of Jesus' life, _____ death. Part of this is the reciting of Jesus' final words. No one _____ was his last. They include "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and "Into your hands _____."

Good Friday is a public holiday in _____ a strong Christian tradition. Many shops and businesses close for the day. In America and India, the _____ Good Friday. In many English-speaking countries, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns _____ top. They are usually toasted and buttered. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to fast on this day. In reality, most practicing Catholics _____. There is a very unusual custom in Bermuda. People fly kites that are _____. The kites flying in the sky symbolize Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay at home and watch TV. There are many _____, and movies about the Bible.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Good Friday is the Friday _____ Easter Sunday. It is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the death of Jesus, who was _____ on a cross. Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. Churches all over the world _____ special services. Christians think about the _____ of Jesus' suffering and his death on the cross. In many countries, religious groups re-enact the _____ hours of Jesus' life, leading up to his death. Part of this is the reciting of Jesus' final _____. No one agrees which saying was his _____. They include "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and "Into your hands I commit my _____."

final
crucified
spirit
before
meaning
last
hold
words

Good Friday is a public holiday in many countries with a _____ Christian tradition. Many shops and businesses _____ for the day. In America and India, the stock markets close on Good Friday. In _____ English-speaking countries, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns with a cross on the top. They are usually toasted and _____. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to fast on this day. In _____, most practicing Catholics will avoid meat. There is a very unusual _____ in Bermuda. People fly kites that are shaped like a cross. The kites flying in the sky _____ Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay at home and watch TV. There are many religious _____ on, and movies about the Bible.

battered
strong
close
shows
many
custom
reality
symbolize

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is *one / once* of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the *dead / death* of Jesus, who was crucified on a cross. Good Friday is a day of *morning / mourning* in church. Churches all over the world hold special services. Christians think about the meaning of Jesus' suffering and his death on the *crossed / cross*. In many countries, religious *groups / group* re-enact the final hours of Jesus' life, leading *up / across* to his death. Part of this is the reciting of Jesus' final words. No one agrees which *say / saying* was his last. They include "Father forgive them, for they *no / know* not what they do", "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and "Into your hands I commit my spirit."

Good Friday is a *public / publicly* holiday in many countries with a strong Christian tradition. Many shops and businesses *closed / close* for the day. In America and India, the stock markets close on Good Friday. In many English-speaking *countries / country*, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns with a *cross / crossed* on the top. They are usually toasted and buttered. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to *slow / fast* on this day. In reality, most practicing Catholics will avoid *meet / meat*. There is a very unusual custom in Bermuda. People fly kites that are shaped like a cross. The kites flying in the sky *symbolize / symbolic* Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay at home and watch TV. There are many religious shows *off / on*, and movies about the Bible.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most (1) _____ celebrations in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the death of Jesus, who was crucified (2) _____ a cross. Good Friday is a day of mourning in church. Churches all over the world (3) _____ special services. Christians think about the meaning of Jesus' suffering and his (4) _____ on the cross. In many countries, religious groups re-enact the final hours of Jesus' life, (5) _____ up to his death. Part of this is the reciting of Jesus' final words. No one agrees which saying was his last. They include "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" and "Into your hands I commit (6) _____ spirit."

Good Friday is a public holiday in many countries with a (7) _____ Christian tradition. Many shops and businesses close for the day. In America and India, the (8) _____ markets close on Good Friday. In many English-speaking countries, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns with a cross on the top. They are usually (9) _____ and buttered. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to fast on this day. In reality, most practicing Catholics will (10) _____ meat. There is a very unusual custom in Bermuda. People fly kites that are shaped like a cross. The kites flying in the sky (11) _____ Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay at home and watch TV. There are many religious shows (12) _____, and movies about the Bible.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) importantly | (b) important | (c) imports | (d) importance |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) by | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) grip | (b) grasp | (c) clasp | (d) hold |
| 4. | (a) died | (b) dead | (c) death | (d) dies |
| 5. | (a) lead | (b) leading | (c) leaded | (d) leads |
| 6. | (a) my | (b) mine | (c) me | (d) I |
| 7. | (a) strength | (b) strongest | (c) strong | (d) strengthen |
| 8. | (a) stocking | (b) stocked | (c) stocks | (d) stock |
| 9. | (a) toaster | (b) toast | (c) toasted | (d) toasts |
| 10. | (a) void | (b) avoid | (c) avid | (d) aphid |
| 11. | (a) symbolize | (b) symbolic | (c) symbols | (d) symbol |
| 12. | (a) in | (b) an | (c) en | (d) on |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. the Christian narealdc
2. cdruceiif on a cross
3. Jesus' fngiefsur and his death on the cross
4. Jesus' ialfn words
5. Father vgeiorf them
6. my ritisp

Paragraph 2

7. a upilbc holiday
8. otsck markets
9. sweet iaisrn buns
10. aidov meat
11. kites that are adsehp like a cross
12. Jesus going up to aheenv

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () cross. The kites flying in the sky symbolize Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay
- () Catholics will avoid meat. There is a very unusual custom in Bermuda. People fly kites that are shaped like a
- () and buttered. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to fast on this day. In reality, most practicing
- () countries, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns with a cross on the top. They are usually toasted
- (**1**) Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most important celebrations
- () have you forsaken me?" and "Into your hands I commit my spirit."
- () mourning in church. Churches all over the world hold special services. Christians think about the meaning
- () for the day. In America and India, the stock markets close on Good Friday. In many English-speaking
- () in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the death of Jesus, who was crucified on a cross. Good Friday is a day of
- () at home and watch TV. There are many religious shows on, and movies about the Bible.
- () of Jesus' life, leading up to his death. Part of this is the reciting of Jesus' final words. No one agrees
- () Good Friday is a public holiday in many countries with a strong Christian tradition. Many shops and businesses close
- () of Jesus' suffering and his death on the cross. In many countries, religious groups re-enact the final hours
- () which saying was his last. They include "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do", "My God, my God, why

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. of one is It celebrations important most the

2. of death the commemorates It Jesus

3. the over all Churches services special hold world

4. of meaning the death his and suffering Jesus'

5. enact the final hours of Jesus' life religious groups re
-

6. in is many a countries public Good holiday Friday

7. a cross on the top These are sweet raisin buns with

8. meat avoid will Catholics practicing most

9. TV Many people stay at home and watch

10. on shows religious many are There

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE GOOD FRIDAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Good Friday in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Good Friday. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Good Friday. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Good Friday. Write about will happen on this day around the world.