



The Last Days of Jesus

We often wonder why anyone has to die. It is very hard to lose people we love and we miss them. It is especially difficult when the person who dies is still young or when death is sudden or violent.

When we hear the story of Jesus' death, we are able to feel the sorrow his friends must have felt. We retell this story every year during Holy Week, the week before Easter. It is a sad story, for we know how unfair Jesus' death was.

Each Holy Week we again remember how Jesus arrived back in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, ate one last important meal with his apostles on Holy Thursday and was crucified on a cross on Good Friday. As we remember, we, too, travel that road with Jesus.

God so loved us that Jesus experienced everything we do: pain, rejection and death as well as love and happiness. When we suffer, we can speak with Jesus, who has also been hurt. When we grieve, we can turn to Jesus, who has known death.

Are you able to pray when you are hurt or angry? Do you remember that Jesus knows what you are going through and cares what happens to you?