# Semana Santa

#### Takes Place : The week prior to Easter (Changes annually)





Easter in Spain is marked by grand processions throughout towns, reenacting the resurrection of Christ and various events from his passion.

#### **Origin:**

Easter processions and events in Spain have a long history, originating in the 12th century in Zamora and evolving in the 16th century to portray the passion of Christ by the Catholic Church.

### **Processions:**

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The event features processions with floats and sculptures representing Christ's passion, carried by brotherhood members in colored attire. Each procession focuses on a different aspect of the passion with corresponding music and singing.

#### Where:

The main Easter celebrations take place in Seville and Ferrol in Spain,

as well as on the Camino routes in Spain and Galicia, with festivities held throughout the country.

#### 1-Palm Sunday:

The day signifies Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, depicted in processions with him riding a donkey and welcomed with palm leaves.

## 3 - Holy Friday:

The day illustrates Christ's passion with processions highlighting his meeting with the Virgin Mary and crucifixion.

# 4 - Holy Saturday:

Easter Eve is a day for mourning Jesus's death, characterized by quiet reflection on loss, waiting, and hope.

#### 5 - Resurrection Sunday:

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Easter Sunday signifies Jesus' resurrection after crucifixion.

### 2 - Holy Thursday:

Holy Thursday, or 'Jueves Santo', signifies the Last Supper and Jesus' arrest. Church bells are silent from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday.



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#### Challenge task:

Write a short summary on what Semana Santa is and how it's celebrated in Spain





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#### The Camino route.

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# He is depicted on a donkey (and welcomed with palm leaves).

Answers:

Jesus's resurrection after his crucifixion.

Keywords include: - Spanish Easter celebration.

- Re-enacting the resurrection of Christ and various episodes of the passion of Christ.
- Processions include floats and sculptures.
- The procession floats and sculptures are carried by members called 'brotherhood'.
- Palm Sunday processions depict Jesus on a donkey welcomed with palm leaves.
- Holy Thursday 'Juevas Santo' Last supper and Church bells are silenced until Easter Sunday.
- Holy Friday Illustrates Christ's passion and meeting with Virgin Mary and crucifixion.
- Holy Saturday Easter Eve and day of mourning Jesus's death (quiet, reflection on loss, waiting and hope).
- Resurrection Sunday Easter Sunday and signifies Jesus's resurrection after his crucifixion.