



# Rochester Cathedral Lent / Easter Word Search



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The words you are looking for, and their meanings.

**Ash Wednesday**—The first day of Lent.

**Crown of thorns**—Because Jesus said he was King of the Jews the soldiers put a crown of thorns on His head to mock Him.



**Crucifixion**—the Roman way of executing people. From two Latin words: *Cruci* (cross) and *ficere* (to fix), fixing someone to a cross.

**Easter**—The time when Christians celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. The date varies from year to year but is always in spring, the time of new life in the natural world.



**Gethsemane**—The garden where Jesus prayed the night before his crucifixion.

**Golgotha**—The place where the crucifixion took place. It means Place of the Skull.

**Good Friday**—The day Jesus died. It's called "good" because Jesus loved everyone so much that he was prepared to die to take the punishment for our sins (the things we do wrong).

**Herod**—One of the Roman rulers involved in the trial of Jesus.

**INRI**—The label on the top of the crucifix. It means "*Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*" (in Latin **I** is used instead of **J**, and the Latin word for "king" is "Rex").



**Judas**—Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples (followers) betrayed Jesus to the priests from the temple.



**Last Supper**—The meal Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he died. He blest and shared bread (His "body") and wine (His "blood") and asked his disciples to continue to do this in memory of Him.

**Lent**—The forty days (not counting Sundays) before Easter.

**Mary Magdalene**—A friend of Jesus, she was the first to know about Jesus' resurrection.

**New Commandment**—The new commandment Jesus gave at the Last Supper was "Love one another as I have loved you".

**Palm**—When Jesus entered Jerusalem one week before his death he was greeted as a hero, with people calling "Hosanna" and laying palms before Him in His honour.

**Passover**—The Jewish Feast celebrating God "passing over" the children of the Israelites in the tenth plague on Egypt (see Exodus, chapters 11 and 12).



**Pilate**—The Roman Prefect of Judea who ordered Jesus' crucifixion.



**Resurrection**—Jesus rose from the dead three days after the crucifixion.

**Sanhedrin**—The Jewish Court which tried Jesus before handing him over to Pilate.

**Simon**—Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry his cross when it became too heavy for Him.

You can read the story of Jesus' trial and death in all the Gospels: Matthew, Chapter 26 →; Mark, Ch. 14 →; Luke, Ch. 22 → and John, Ch. 13 →.

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