GOOD FRIDAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIP'T

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 _________."

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.
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) led (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' fnqiefsur 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
Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most important celebrations 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

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 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 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.

Number these lines in the correct order.

1. Good Friday is the Friday before Easter Sunday. It is one of the most important celebrations.
2. Have you forsaken me?” and “Into your hands I commit my spirit.”
3. Cross. The kites flying in the sky symbolize Jesus going up to heaven. Many people stay.
4. Catholics will avoid meat. There is a very unusual custom in Bermuda. People fly kites that are shaped like a
5. And buttered. Many Catholics, however, are supposed to fast on this day. In reality, most practicing
6. Countries, people eat hot-cross buns. These are sweet raisin buns with a cross on the top. They are usually toasted.
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. ______________________________________________

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.

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

Write about Good Friday for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.

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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 what will happen on this day around the world.