# Summary - Spring: Lent, Easter, Ascension

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**Lent / Pre-Easter Time** (begins on Ash Wednesday, roughly 6 weeks before Easter) preparation process for Easter; Symbols of Easter: lamb, rabbit, egg, Easter tree, ...

#### **Beginning of Spring**

21. March: Spring Festival / Winteraustreiben (Festival Celebrated on Laetare Sunday, a ritual casting out of winter and death. Celebrated in parts of central Europe.)

**Gabriel – Annunciation** 25. March, Archangel Gabriel announces to Mary the conception of Jesus

Palm Sunday Triumphal entry into Jerusalem

**Monday** Cleansing of the Temple: Jesus chases the merchants from the temple.

**Tuesday** Debate about taxes with the scribes

Wednesday Unction of Jesus in Bethany

## Maundy (Holy) Thursday

Foot washing, Last Supper and the arrest of Jesus

**Good Friday** Condemnation, Crucifixion and Burial of Jesus

### **Easter Saturday**

Harrowing of Hell, Salvation

### EASTER

Resurrection, Women at the empty tomb

Oldest and most important feast of Christianity  $\rightarrow$  without Easter no Christianity! "It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." 1. Corinthians 15,44 = Christian promise of life after death as a spiritual being, of a resurrection into a heavenly world; redemption of the sin of the separation of God and being bound by the realm of the dead

### After Easter

Jesus shows himself to his disciples.

### Ascension

Jesus ascends to heaven.