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GOOD FRIDAY

The Friday of The Holy Week  
before Easter

# Good Friday in Cyprus and Spain Similarities

**A deeply religious occasion marking the crucifixion of Jesus Christ**



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## Processions in Cyprus



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Processions in **Spain**



# Good Friday in Cyprus and Spain Difference

Cyprus fasting food



Spain fasting food



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EASTER



# Main Differences

Generally, Cyprus is Orthodox while Germany, France and Spain are mainly Catholic

1. Date
2. Cultural Celebrations
3. Fasting
4. Community and Family Gatherings
5. Decorative Customs



# 1. Date

Cyprus: Greek Orthodox  
calendar

Germany, France, Spain:  
Western Christian / Gregorian  
calendar

## 2. Cultural Celebrations

### Cyprus:

- Easter Fire; Bonfires that symbolize Judas' betrayal
- Community Events; Traditional games and dances on Easter Sunday and Monday

### Germany:

- Easter Markets; Seasonal markets selling easter themed items
- Easter Bunny; symbolizes fertility and spring



## 2. Cultural Celebrations

### France:

- Flying Bells; Bells “fly to Rome” and return with easter treats
- Egg Hunts; Often organized by communities or families



## 2. Cultural Celebrations

### Spain:

- Semana Santa; Seasonal markets selling easter themed items
- Passion Plays; Some regions reenact the Passion of Christ



# 3. Fasting

Cyprus: Strict Orthodox fasting for 40 days

Germany: Moderate fasting



France: Mild fasting

Spain: Traditional Lenten abstinence

# 4. Community and Family Gatherings

All four countries focus on family tables for easter, and community events like mini games and egg hunts



# 5. Decorative Customs



## Cyprus:

- red-dyed eggs symbolize Christ's blood
- Candles / Lambades

## Germany:

- Easter trees
- Bunny-themed decorations



# 5. Decorative Customs

France:

- Chocolate eggs, bells
- Spring flowers, bunnies, lamp

Spain:

- Religious statues
- Spring flowers



Thank You

