

# CONVERSATION QUESTIONS- EASTER

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Have a look at the vocabulary and ideas below and then in pairs answer the questions trying to use as much vocabulary as possible.

- How is Easter celebrated in Spain?
- Do you have any special family traditions?
- Did the original meaning of Easter get lost?
- Do you consider it an important holiday? Why or why not?
- Do you think it used to be more important than it is today? Why or why not?
- Do you think most people consider Easter time a religious celebration? Why or why not?

## VOCABULARY/ IDEAS

- Some people refuse to celebrate Easter
- traditions
- known as *Semana Santa* (Holy Week)
- brotherhoods' processions /prə'seɪʃ.ən/
- The atmosphere that characterizes /'kær.ək.tə.raɪzɪz/ the festivities is usually solemn /'sɒl.əm/
- To have strong religious beliefs
- Catholic holiday /'kæθ.əl.ɪk/
- the festivities begin on Palm Sunday (*Domingo de Ramos*) and last until Easter Monday (*Lunes de Pascua*), with the most dramatic and passionate parades held on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- thousands of pilgrims that gather here from all corners of the world to witness the city's extravagant *pasos* /ɪk'stræv.ə.gənt/
- A *paso* is an enormous float adorned with life-size wooden statues of biblical characters, designed especially for religious processions.
- Each movable float belongs to a brotherhood, or *cofradía*
- A team of *costaleros* convey the *pasos* on their necks and shoulders through the crowded streets