

Sikhism — Baisakhi

The Story of the Khalsa



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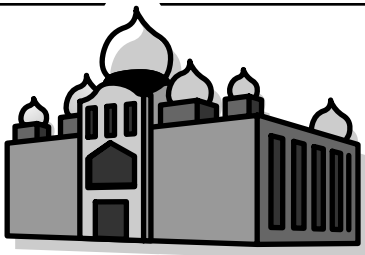
The _____ is the name for the Sikh community. The story of the founding of the Khalsa started with the martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur, the 9th Guru. He was publicly beheaded by Mughul rulers for protecting _____ for both Sikhs and Hindus.

The son of Guru Teg Bahadur, who was called Guru _____, became the next Guru. He stated that Sikhs should always be prepared to stand up for their beliefs, whatever the cost.

In _____, Sikhs from all over Punjab gathered together to celebrate the local harvest festival of Baisakhi. Guru Gobind Singh came out of a tent carrying a _____ and said that anyone prepared to give his _____ should come forward.

A young Sikh came forward and disappeared into the tent with the Guru. Then the Guru reappeared _____ with his sword covered in _____ and asked for another volunteer. This was repeated another four times until a total of _____ Sikhs had gone into the tent with him. Everyone present was very worried until eventually all five emerged from the tent alive, with Guru Gobind Singh, and wearing _____.

The five became known as the ' _____ ', or 'Beloved Five'. Guru Gobind Singh's wife mixed some _____ (holy water). The Guru said some prayers over the five and they were sprinkled with the Amrit. This is how the Amrit ceremony came into being and these five Sikhs became the first members of the Khalsa



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