

EASTER



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Easter is the time for holidays, festivals and a time for giving chocolate Easter eggs.

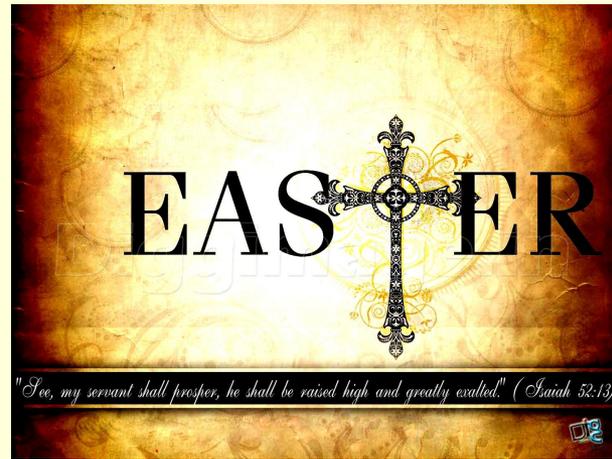


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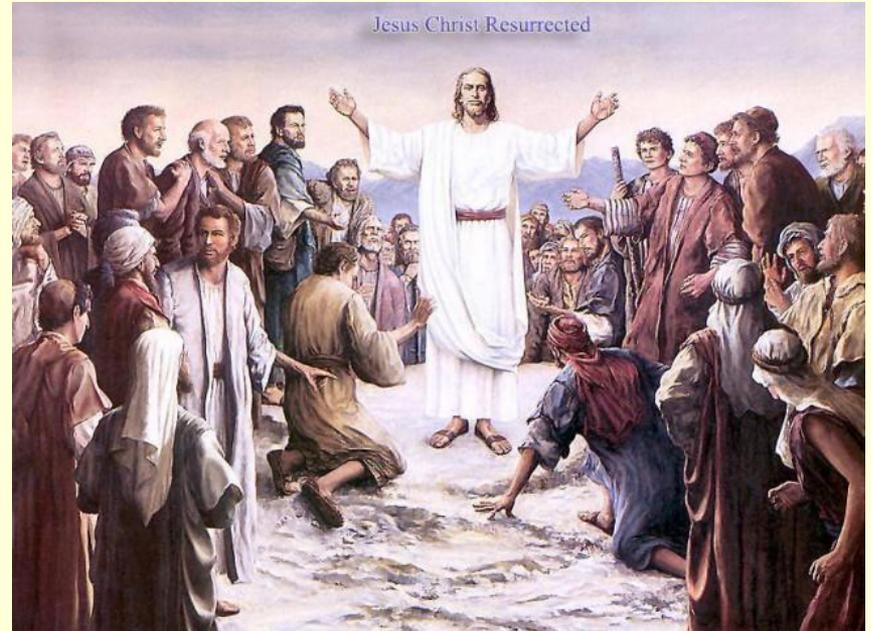
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Easter is the story of Jesus' last days in Jerusalem before his death. It is a sad story because Jesus was killed.

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But the story has a very happy ending, because Jesus came back to life and visited his friends and followers once more. He did not die at all, but went back up to Heaven to be with God, his father.



Where does the name 'Easter' come from?

Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon name for the month of April, which means "opening" in the Anglo-Saxon language and since Pascha was most often celebrated in Eostremonath (April), the English Christians began calling it "Easter".



Where does the name 'Easter' come from?

The month was named after the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre. Rituals related to the goddess Eostre focus on new beginnings, symbolized by the Easter egg, and fertility, which is symbolized by the hare (or Easter bunny).



EASTER TIME



Easter usually comes in the month of April. However, Easter can fall as early as March 22 or as late as April 25. Easter is called a moveable feast because the date of Easter changes every year. The reason for this variation in the date of Easter is based on the lunar calendar rather than our more well-known solar one.

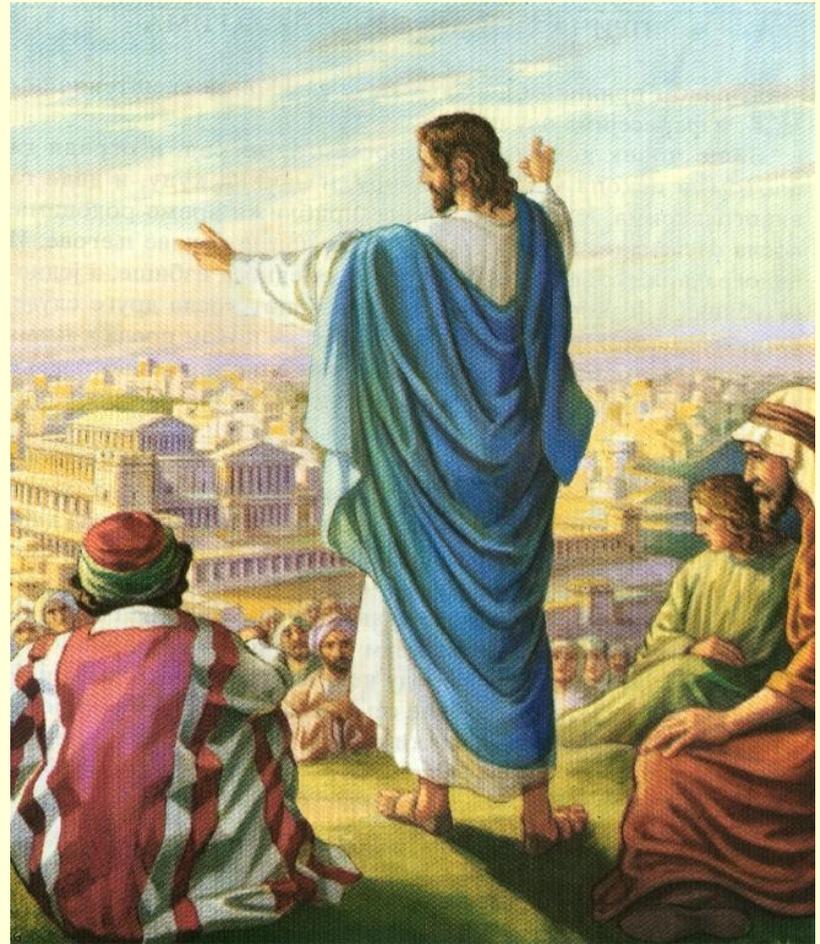
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Easter always falls on the first Sunday following the full Moon (the Paschal Full Moon) after 21 March. If the Full Moon falls on a Sunday then Easter is the next Sunday.



What happened on Easter Sunday?

It was on Easter Sunday that Jesus rose from death. Jesus had told his disciples before he was arrested that he would be crucified and on the third day he would rise from the dead.



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Sunday was the third day from Good Friday (Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day). So Good Friday Sunday was the third day from Good Friday (Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day). So Good Friday is the day on which Jesus was crucified and **Easter**



The Traditional Egg Gift

- **The first eggs given at Easter were birds' eggs. These eggs were painted in bright colors to give them further meaning as a gift.**
- **As chocolate became more wide spread in the 20th Century, a chocolate version of the traditional painted egg was developed. The size of the chocolate egg has grown over the years and is now more likely to be the size of an ostrich egg rather than a small bird's egg.**

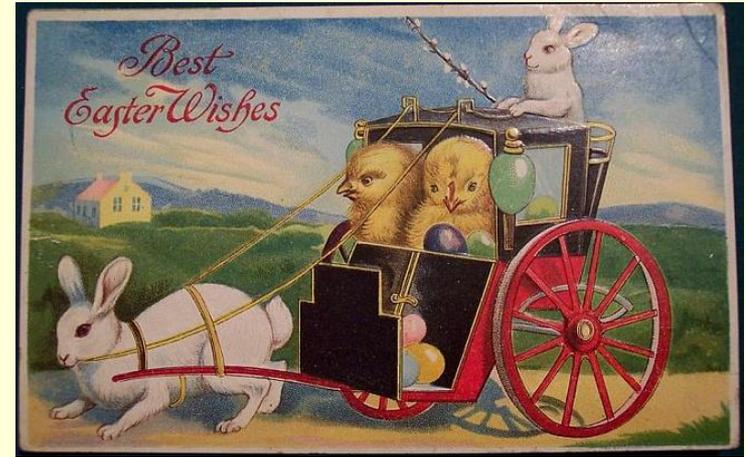


Easter Egg Hunt

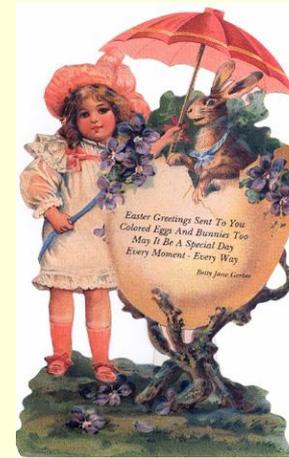


Small chocolate eggs are hidden for the children to find on the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. In recent years this game has been linked to the Easter Bunny, which only arrived in England relatively recently.

Vintage Easter Cards



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